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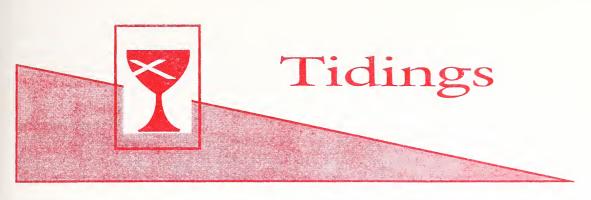
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Fort Wayne, IN 46807 January 12, 2000

At the feeder again . . .

Way over there in Africa....I've heard....is a bird called the Weaver. I got to see one the other day on TLC. The Weaver looks like an American Goldfinch on steroids. The males have bright yellow feathers and a black derby. The females are more into pastels and muted tones. The Weaver is a pretty normal bird through most of the year, but along about nest building time the Weavers turn more like we humans than I'd care to admit.

Nest construction among the Weaver family is done by the male. It's a very complicated process, taking many days. The female sits on a nearby branch and watches.

Somewhere along the line, one of the original Weaver clan thought that a nest should look like an overstuffed slinky with the entrance on the bottom. I don't know how that first cluster of eggs made it, but some how the Weavers must have learned how to overcome Sir Isaac Newton, because none of the eggs fall out. All day long the males weave grasses to make a

nest for their beloved.

Once the nest is completed the male flies up on the branch and gives her that look, "Well, what do you think?" The female Weaver, who actually doesn't do Weaving (or windows), and should probably be called the Yellow-Inspector bird, drops down from her perch, slips through the hole in the bottom, and sort of rummages about for awhile. After she rearranges the furniture (note: this remark is not intended to be sexist) and sometimes the walls, out she comes. She then gives the male the look of "Well, why are you standing around twiddling your claws? Let's get busy making eggs," or "You call that a nest?" Where upon the male does.....well.....you know.....Hehe....rebuilds the nest.

Sometimes the poor male Weaver will build the nest several times until the female is satisfied, or her headache goes away. (Oops!) Such is the pattern of life of the Weaver around nest building time.

And you thought birds and humans had nothing in common.

Sometimes I think God is like the female Weaver. I read some passages from scripture and think that God is a giant inspector. Sometimes it seems that we keep weaving and trying our best and want approval but the gospel rummages around and says, "pretty flimsy. You'd better try again."

Then there are other times when we really haven't given our best, and our spirits couldn't hold a bird egg against the gravity of sinful things, but we read how God came for sinners and sick people like us. Scriptures of grace, I call them. Paul experienced it.

He knew his soul nest building was poor, at best. And Paul even said, that he was the greatest of all sinners. We shake our heads and think, "Oh, he's just modest" but I take Paul at his word. He had experienced grace....." While we were yet sinners...." he wrote.

That's why I believe that unlike the Weaver bird's "reward-punishment" orientation God crawls into our fumbled attempts at living well and helps us build a better foundation for the future.

Therefore, in this new year perhaps our resolutions should not be that we would work harder to be better, but work to realize how much God has loved us in spite of ourselves. Perhaps instead of resolving to lose weight and exercise, we'd be better served to simply exercise our souls by counting up the things God is doing in our lives and weigh that against what we've done to counteract it all.

Feeding on the Love of Christ (and making a resolution to notice God more),

Neil

"And while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."



Attention Women

Moms on Missions (MOMS) will celebrate LOVE on February 12 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. During the day, those attending will be treated to presentations and demonstrations such as "Love at First Bite", "Yes, Virginia, There's Romance After Children" and "Creating a Loving Home". We will make valentines, write love letters, discover gourmet "love" food, and learn special ways to show love to our children, grandchildren, husbands, friends and neighbors. The Bible talks a lot about love and we will explore some of its "love messages" through

the closing presentation "And the Greatest of These is Love". Of course, no gathering of women is complete without FOOD, so you will indulge your taste buds with a delicious lunch prepared especially for you. Childcare is available. Brochures are available at the church office. Cost for the day (including lunch) is just \$30.00 if registered by January 29. Registration is \$40.00 after January 29. Register today!!!!

Visitors

Becember 26 January 2 & 9



Sylvia Musser

Ed MurphySr.

Dougles Alen

Dick & Erma Vanderwall

Elizabeth Vanderwall

Cory Church

Dick, Barb & Marcie Johnson

Carrie Wagner

Eliza Boerger-McCray

Ken Spillers

John Ralstin



Jeff & Becky Bates
Tarah Ashtari
Bonnie Johnson
Karen Scott
Amber Decker

And our college students home for the holidays...

Josie Quick and Kyle Kerley

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

Ministry Team Meetings

January 18 - Evangelism - CANCELLED

January 23 - Fellowship - 10 am.

January 25 - Worship - 7 pm

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January 17 - FCC Office Closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

January 17 - Baby's Closet and Food Bank will be closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day.



January 18 - T.W.W. - 6 - 7:30 PM

January 22 - Dreamweavers - 9 am

January 23 - "Meal on Neil" - FREE FOOD after 2nd. service. Neil is a pretty good cook - CCF come and join in on the fun!



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(**Sledding or sweating depending on weather conditions) Drivers needed.

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Thank You

...generous ladies that said yes when asked to give up their valuable time to help take care of the FCC office while the secretary goofed off and went on vacation.

Vacations are a wonderful invention!
I am most appreciative of each and every one that "covered" for me the first week of the New Year.

You are all WONDERFUL!!! pbarnes
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Dear Friends at FCC,

Thank you for your interest in our "Kids to Kids" project. We appreciate your contributions to the project. I 'm sure our efforts will help to put smiles on a lot of little faces.

Sincerely,
Monica Alexander
North Christian Church

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for thinking of us at Christmas time. We enjoyed all of the treats and are especially thankful for your friendship.

Happy safe and healthy New Year to you all.

Sandy and Pat

Dear FCC

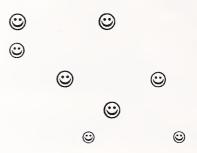
My family and I are thinking of you during this Christmas Season - remembering many with Mom & Dad sharing their music. Thank you again for all you did for us when mother died. You helped us so much and were so generous.

Margot Parlette and family

Dear Friends - Happy New year 2000

Thanking you for your prayers for my sister Anna Siler. Thanks for the prayers for my wife Helen Godfrey. Thank you all so much for all of your generosity. We had a wonderful Christmas. We are very moved as to you caring. May God always bless you all at First Christian Church.

Love to you all, Louis Godfrey



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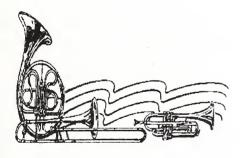
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Training for Congregational Leadership

Watch for EduCare 2000

The 24th year of EduCare will be held February 18-19, 2000 in Indianapolis. This excellent opportunity for training for congregational leadership will offer eight Discovery Groups, experiential education, great fellowship, a book store, two worship services, skilled and experienced faculty. The keynote speaker will be Karen-Marie Yust. Assistant Professor of Christian Education, Christian Theological Seminary. There are options for choosing a learning environment according to the participants needs. A concentrated study of seven hours in one subject is offered to those wanting such a focus. In addition there will be an opportunity to participate in a onehour mini-shop. Creative worship also brings a special depth to the EduCare experience.

Description of the Discovery Groups and registration forms are in the church office. Registration is \$65.00 and includes tuition and two meals. Registration received after February 1 will be \$80.00.

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EduCare continued. . .

Please contact Judy Church, 447-5691, if you are interested in attending.



Tools for the Journey - this Saturday
This Saturday, January 15, 2000 at
10:00 am, Sylvia E Mill will present
"Tools for the Journey". Breakfast and
registration will begin at 9:15 am. This
event will provide tips, suggestions,
handouts, and resources for new,
seasoned, or future teachers, small
group leaders, AND life long learners.
If you are interested in spiritual growth
individually, or in small groups, this is
the workshop for you.

Sylvia E. Mill is Associate Regional Minister for the Indiana Region of the Christian Church, (DOC). Sylvia has worked as a church secretary, director and teacher of a pre-school, coordinator of congregational life and leadership, associate minister and served as one of the ministers at Crestview Christian Church, Indianapolis



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

To feel God's presence ...

Lisa and Steve Smith are serving with the Evangelical Church of the Union in Frankfurt/Ader in what was East Germany. Lisa writes of an encounter at a garden party with a young woman she calls Brenda, who has expressed interest in their young adult group.

"I found out in our conversation that she was brought up an atheist and that her mother had been suffering and dying of cancer for some time. The hostess' mother had gone through a similar death and in talking about it, the hostess mentioned only their faith had helped them get through it. That made Brenda curious and she wanted to know more.

'I was pleasantly surprised that she actually came to the next meeting which was called 'Why Did God Let that Happen?" I was afraid it would scare a newcomer off, but it was exactly what she needed. Brenda cam over on another day just to visit with Continued . . .

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Global Ministries continued

me and we talked. I loaned her a Bible and another book, but I mostly listened. I have been praying a great deal for her since then. She was a nervous wreck. The stress of her mother dying and the way her mother was fighting death with such fear and stress was weighing on my new friend greatly..."

"...I called her again. She said that since our talk she had been feeling renewed strength and peace....I felt encouraged and kept praying. A month later I called again and she informed me that her mother had died, and shared with me a few details of the last moments. Much of the family was there, the mother seemed to know and was relaxed. The mother slipped away and the family lay there in the dark around her bed holding hands. Brenda then lit a candle and they all had a moment of silence. She said she knew then that here was a God and felt his presence."

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Spring will be here in a few months. I know we haven't really had winter yet - but spring is right around the corner - trust me!

Continued...



With spring comes baseball and our local team "The Wizards" are offering some special rates and days for senior's. Most of these specials would be at noon on Wednesdays . Would anyone from FCC (and your friends, family etc.) be interested in discount tickets, attending a Senior's Special Day in June or any of the other activities that they are planning.

If you are interested in more information - no obligation - please contact the FCC office (744-3239) before February 29, 2000.



Camp Counselors

If you would be interested in becoming a camp counselor for the period of June 11 thru August 12, 2000, let it be known.

Requirements are you must be 21 by June 1, 2000.

Active in Christian faith Experience working with children 8 - 15 years old Be a good team player.

If you are interested in obtaining complete requirements please contact FCC office ASAP. These positions need to be filled soon.

Please remember our friends and loved ones in your prayers. . .

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt

Harold and Ruby Cline

Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

Freida Current- Cancer - Friend of Rosie Krull

Russell Current - Husband of Freida - Problems with previously amputated leg.

Bonnie Evans - Daughter of Reba Fusselman - Kidney removal.

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier

Jane Kemp - Recovering from pneumonia

Donna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller

Glenn & Wilma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home.

Mary Novachcoff - Recovering at home from back surgery.

Josh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive

surgeries required.

Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Don Scearce - Friend of Judy Church - Pancreatic Cancer

Wilbur & Doris Snook

Brittany York - 5 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - Leukemia

Janet Weicker - Beverly Nursing Home

Diana White - Recovering at home from infection following surgery.

Calling Pastor Allen

Do call me at home. My waking/actually communicating/not in the shower hours are from 7 am until 10:30 pm - at 747-3651. I usually enjoy talking to my friends, except when I'm trying to eat, sleep and WELL JUST AND.....

Please call me with updates, key information about patients and concerns about church operations, etc.....but call during normal business hours if possible. There is a new answer phone at the church. Simply call 744-3239. It will pick up on the fourth ring. You'll have one minute for your message. I also have an answer phone at home. Simply call 747-3651. I check those phones daily.

I also have a pager for emergency use. Call 1-888-509-9217. When it beeps, punch in your phone number and then hang up.

And, if those numbers don't help, try my email nnallen@fwi.com. I check those messages every few days. However, if you want to FAX me, call 747-3230. That number will send a FAX to the church.

So, you can get me just about anytime, anywhere, including the Second Sunday in August when I'm at my mothers. Just call 143-461-6653, or use the pager. It works there too.

And if none of these work you might try coming over. The church is located at 4800 South Calhoun, and we live at 6724 Lakewood Court in Fort Wayne.

PLEASE call. I love you. I care what you are thinking. I don't mind. HOWEVER I do value my day off and to keep it holy. Friday is my personal Sabbath.

Neil

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SERVING SUNDAY January 16, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

Becca Widmer, Judy Church

10:45 am

Donna Heimann, Charlie Hatten

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, Roger Moll, Christi Deck

10:45 am

Sue Allen, David Brooks, Diane Bohlen, Greg Baitz, Holly Mathis, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Sue Brickley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nora Allen, Jenny Baitz

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

John Ohneck, Sue Brey, Anne Moll, Roger Moll, Marlo Quick, Shari Grier

SERVING SUNDAY January 23, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Anne Moll

10:45 am

Jean McGrew, Dick Mey

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Katie Moll

10:45 am

Shari Grier, Estel Vandergriff, Evelyn Yeoman, Sue Brey, Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Christi Deck, Linda Deck

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At the feeder again . . .

ead bird now and then is normal. No flesh is nmortal. Weather, illness, bird-on-bird iolence, these are all common.

s a child I had a bird grave yard complete ith cross markers. I'd lay out the victim and o a small funeral service, prayer and song, efore covering them with dirt and placing the oss. Years latter I smile at myself for the hildish sentimentality of the act. I take omfort these days in those special calls I get burry a favorite pet, for I find the same elings in children, as I felt then. It's a sort verification that what I did then was ormal. However, even with my advanced ge, a sadness still fills my heart when I find aths in the animal world. I'm less remonious now, which probably should orry me.

s I think about it, I can see it's important to ark the passing of people and animals. The xt time I find a dead bird, I'll sing a hymn d say a prayer before I complete my task.

I find myself praying and singing even now. I got word in October that Pastor Tom Shepherd, a mentor of mine, died October 20, 1999. Alzheimer disease took Tom's life, but not before stealing his personality, and memory, as it always does. The praying and singing help me let go.

Something happens in the prayer and singing we offer in giving these lives to God. For me there is release and something more, a connecting to the eternal nature and rhythm of life. As Lavon Baylor once taught me, it is Worth-ship of God who we celebrate that takes a personal interest in us. Praying, making a grave, singing, remembering - these are all acts of worship which connect us to the personal nature of God.

After celebrating God's personal interest in us, it is easier to let go and to let God. Celebrating and sensing God's presence in prayer helps me to seek life and to return to it with a deeper appreciation of life as gift.

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All of life is a gift. I know this when I look at my feeder and see the birds enjoying it.

Feeding on the Love of Christ,

Neil

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, grown inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we are saved...." (Romans 8:22-23)



Karen Meyer - Guest Organist Bob Williams - Guest Organist

Bonnie Johnson Carmen Ellis Danny and Gabriel Lopez

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

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What's Happening Now

February 1 - D.M.A. 12 noon. Carry-in plus Valentine's Party. Brings a Valentine and a Valentine Gift if you would like to.

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February 5 - 10 am - Orientation for Mentor

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My special thanks to Neil who was there for me always; he provided renewed strength and faith that all would go well. To John and Kris Ohneck for their visit and support. And of course Steve - there are not words.

> Love, Mary Novachcoff

Please accept this belated thank you for the cards and the special letter signed by so many members of FCC.

My recuperation from hip replacement surgery took longer than "I" expected, but my expectations regarding my age, ability to heal etc. are probably not based on reality! The surgeon lengthened my leg about ½ inch (so I would have a matched pair of legs) and I had to stretch a lot of muscles and tendons to match the new length.

I preached at Monticello Christian Church on the Sundays during Advent. The surgeon gave the okay for me to serve as their interim so I started that ministry January 3rd.

Again, thanks for your cards, letters and you concern. They made an achy, grumpy old man smile!

Love and Shalom, Bill Riggs

...to everyone who has in the past furnished paper products for our kitchen. Each one of you and the products that you have brought in has been greatly appreciated.

But like so many things in this new year we now have a new way of handling paper products for the kitchen. Please check with the church office <u>before you bring</u> a donation of any regular paper products in for the kitchen. We now have a supply on hand.

However, this does not include decorated items for special occasions. These are up to the person/persons having the event. If you have any questions, please contact church office. And again thanks to each and everyone that has helped in the past.





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"SWEDDING" IS NOW SLEDDING

WOW! At long last SNOW!!! Plans have been made for the CCF sledding party on February 6th. Everyone is to meet in the FCC parking lot right after second worship service.

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED. Please contact church office is you will be available to help provide transportation.

You may take your own sled if there is room.

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Sledding continued

Following is some general information that you should know and keep in mind.

Park entrance fee \$2.00 per car.

Toboggan fee \$4.00

(Park toboggan's must be used)

MAXIMUM of 4 people per toboggan

NO EXCEPTIONS.

No cameras allowed on ride.

Warming Center and Concession stand available - <u>NO</u> Carry-In Food

Allowed.

Ride closes at 5 PM
This is going to be a fun day. Plan now to attend. Don't forget we will be leaving right after second service on February 6th.



MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

To better handle "the paying of bills" we are requesting some very important and much needed information from each of you.

When you or someone on your Ministry Team places an order for products, please have that person inform the FCC office. The following

information will be required: the company products are being ordered from, the approximate cost and the account that it is to be charged to.

If this information is not provided it will cause a delay in payment and eventually being not able to purchase from a company that has not been paid properly.

If you have any questions, please contact FCC office.

Thanks to each and every one for helping in this somewhat new procedure.

Grace St John's UCC...

...is having a Spaghetti Supper on February 3 between 5 and 8 pm at 4120 S. Webster. Adults \$5 Seniors and Children \$4. There will also be musical entertainment, a waiter contest and a silent auction. For additional information call 745-4951.

Ft Wayne Community Schools

will be having their 9th annual Showcase on February 13th. from 1-4 pm at the Grand Wayne Center. The show case is a chance for parents and community members to learn more about FWCS and the choices available. Admission is free and concessions will be available. Please contact church office for details.





by Dedication

would like to get the date set for our 2000 by Dedication. Our calendar dates are ing rapidly. Please check your own ledule for February 27th as Baby Dedication nday.

realize that everyone's schedule is busy it that the 27th may not be a good date. wever, we would like to do all of the dications on the same date, and also have such 5th as an alternative.

ase advise the church office ASAP.

v Leaders' Seminars Provided by
Indiana - Kentucky Conference UCC
complete information, please call church
ice - 744-3239.

January 29, 2000 Snow date February 5 St Mark UCC - New Albany IN

February 19, 2000 Snow date February 26 Zion Evangelical UCC - Indy March 4, 2000 Snow date March 11 Plymouth UCC - Fort Wayne

March 18, 2000 Snow date April 8 St John UCC - Michigan City IN

Web Site Helps Feed Hungry

A United Nations website at www.thehungersite.com allows users to donate food to the hungry using funds provided by corporate sponsors. There is no charge to individual donors. CHECK IT OUT!

Summer Camp

Camp dates are now available for Barbee Christian Camp and Bedford Christian Camp. These dates will be posted in up coming Tidings, but you can receive advance information by contact the FCC office at 744-3239.

New Summer Camp...

...for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. Complete information available at FCC office in Ft Wayne.

Trip to New Mexico

Additional information has been received, and anyone planning on going on this trip to New Mexico should contact the FCC office ASAP for details.

Stop Gun Violence

Information has been received on "State Firearms Laws" effective December, 1999. For up-coming legislation, changes in current laws and telephone numbers for information. Please call church office.



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Reaching the "Disenfranchised"

Jim Wilson, Common Global Ministries missionary in Lesotho, illustrates being open to the leading of the spirit in a recent letter. He describes an unexpected opportunity for ministry to those he describes as "disenfranchised" because their villages are inaccessible by vehicle.

"Fully expecting to conduct the worship service when I arrived in Metsoarong on Sunday morning, my plans were radically altered in a moment by the elders of that congregation. As a result of much prayer and thought at a meeting held earlier, the group felt that God's hand was leading us to visit the Continued Page 8

Global Ministries continued

sick and the elderly and those who lived in villages inaccessible by vehicle.

"Thus, one elder took charge of the worship service in Metsoarong while the rest of us set off on foot on an all-day journey that took us through several villages. We zig-zagged up and down mountain paths that took us to places that I never knew existed. In one village, we conducted an impromptu worship service in which the villagers requested us to "lay on hands" as a means of strengthening their walk as Christian. In another palce, we visited the home of a person who was physically disabled as a result of a mining accident and who could not longer come to church because of the remoteness of where hi was living. In another village, an elderly woman sought advice as to how she could be supportive of children who quarreled amongs themselves and who desired her to take sides.

"In the midst of all these encounters, I was reminded of the words of the Psalmist who wrote, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go."



Please remember our friends and loved ones in your prayers. . .

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larold and Ruby Cline

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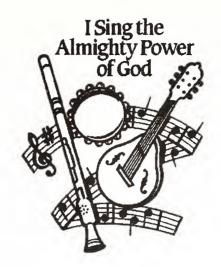
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Plan now to attend this musical ministry concert on February 29 right here at FCC.

SERVING SUNDAY

January 30, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlo Quick, Teresa Hatten

10:45 am

Larry Brey, Judy Church

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, Roger Moll, Shari Grier 10:45 am

Jenny Baitz, Greg Baitz, Sue Brickley, Diane Bohlen,

David Brooks, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Holly Mathis

LAY WORSHIP: Dick Mey

ACOLYTE Emily and Polly

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Greg Baitz, Sue Allen (January 30 & February 6)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Charlie Hatten, Marilyn McDougle, Barb Hayes, Orie McDougle, Becca Widmer, Christi Deck SERVING SUNDAY February 6, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Kathy Cron

10:45 am

Marlo Quick, Becca Widmer

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Sue Brey, Linda Deck, Estel Vandergriff, Betty G. 10:45 am

Kristian Scott, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Katie Moll, Christi Deck, Roger Moll,

Nora Allen, Estel Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION

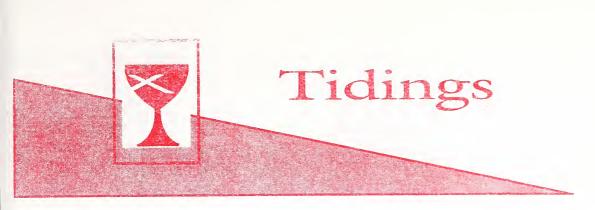
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At the feeder again . . .

Most people don't like sparrows. Leland, my ld neighbor used to call them "flying mice." My dad always hated them because they used a eat them in England when he was a child. I emember him saying, "Catching sparrows vas not easy. Making a pie of them was even arder." Oh, by the way, you can thank my inglish relatives for bringing the Common louse Sparrow with them.....You're velcome.

As I said, most people don't like sparrows. They're loud, opportunistic, messy, and very bundant. But, I find them as one of the most mportant birds at my feeders. They never fail o make a joyful noise when food is on the able.

parrows are my evangelists. They can bring crowd in a hurry.

some people don't like children because hey're like sparrows, loud, opportunistic, nessy and abundant.....and when the feed is in they'll knock a body down in their mad ush to the food....but I can't think of a better group of evangelicals in making the church look and feel exciting.

In all my ministry, there's been no young person better at this then Kevin Nettz. He was only a boy when I started in ministry. He's now a man, but in my mind he will always be 10 and full of vigor, although just a tad clumsy. Kevin, knocked things over, got too loud, jammed his way into the line at the fellowship dinners, and would take any opportunity he could to have a laugh or chase the girls. I can recall telling him not to chase the girls through the cemetery next to the church. It was dark and he'd trip over the headstones (some of his relatives that were buried in the early 1800's.)....I told him a couple times not to, but, as sure as I'm bald, he took off....and yes, promptly tripped over headstone of one of the Sheely's in the first row. "I told you so, Kevin." And I was not the only one to say this to the boy.

Kevin would regularly rehearse the classic scene in Rocky, where Sylvester Stallone charged up the steps and jumped around. He did this with great regularity that fall. Kevin brought life to our little country church...and nobody yelled, save his mother, who occasionally was embarrassed by his mad

dash to the food line when the prayer was over.

People were generally quite permissive with Kevin. I'd like to think they realized him as a great evangelist, but I suppose they were sympathetic to the fact that Kevin had cerebral palsy. His legs were bent and twisted and went in all directions when he walked. I never thought of him as "crippled" just "other-abled." As an evangelist in spirit, he stood head and shoulders over many of the adults. In courage he lacked nothing short of John Wayne status. When I think of him, as I often do, I draw strength....and a desire to run up a flight of steps and jump around.

Lately, I've been wishing and praying for a few Kevin Nettz'.

At the Feeder Again with all the sparrows.....

Feeding on the love of Christ, Neil

"Do not be ashamed of the gospel."

Prayer Chain

If you have a Prayer Chain request between February 9 and February 25th, please call Betty Grimm at 456-7808 or the church office at 744-3239.





Spiritual Journey:

A Lenten Experience of worship and Learning Each Wednesday through Lent from 6 - 7:30 pm

Begins March 8

*Ash Wednesday - 7 pm worship

*Third Wednesday Worship - March 22

"Body Building for the Journey"

*A contemporary Journey into Prayer (Bring a can or container of soup. The sandwich material and drinks will be provided.)

*March 22 6-7:30 pm

*March 29 6-7:30 pm *April 5 6-7:30 pm

*April 12 6-7:30 pm

*Third Wednesday Worship - April 19
"Christ In the Concrete City"

(Dramatic Presentation of the Passion of Christ and our response)

*Palm Sunday - Paramount Brass - Both worship services

Continued ...

Maundy Thursday worship - Service of hadows - Featuring FCC Elders

Good Friday - Southside Community Worship at FCC! 12 noon.



MEN.

Register Now For Sessions 2000 Des Moines, Iowa July 6-9

The July 6-9th event will include inspiration, ellowship, mission work, learning and just plain fun. The event is entitled "Aflame with he Spirit: New Leadership for a New Era."

Event Leaders: Stephan Boyd, Professor of history of Christianity and historical Theology rom Wake Forest University.

Rev. Alvin O. Jackson - Pastor of National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Washington, D.C.

Rev. Richard Hamm - General Minister and President and Honored Minister of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne, In.

Rev. Doug Adams - professor of Christianity and the arts, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calf.

Sign up on line Check out www.disciples.org.











Are you in need of a boost from your weekly routine?

Ever thought that others around you may be in the need of the very same boost?

Looking at possibilities of starting a 6 week interactive experience centered around "Random Acts of Kindness. If you are interested in receiving more information. please call church office (744-3239). You will be notified in two weeks when Random Acts will begin.

Random Acts

R - resourceful

A - angelic

N - neighbors

D - doing

O - open-hearted

M - ministries

A - Active.

C - caring

T - Trusting and

S - serving



Visitors



January 30 Jenny Lamkin - Guest Organist

Nick Hoffman
Matthew Liepold
Randy and Lynn Creath and Jessica and
Rebecca

Tim Atwood
Jerry and Diane Collier from Ohio
Dan Moll
Sylvia Musser
Bonnie Johnson
Mark and Julia Myers
Linda Giles
Isaac and Dorothy Davis
Tom York

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

Ministry Team Meetings

February 15 - Evangelism - 7 pm

February 21 - PRC - 7 pm

February 22 - Worship - 7 pm

February 23 - Outreach - 7 pm

February 29 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

What's Happening Now

February 10-13 - Christian Educator Event 2000 - Hurstbourne Christian Church - Louisville, KY. For information and registration form contact FCC office.

February 12 - and each <u>Saturday</u> at 9am - The CCF Bells and choir will practice. Please be sure and mark the dates on your calendar.

February 12 - "mom's on missions" Workshop. See article this Tidings.

February 13 - CYF set up for "Strings and Stars" after second worship then lunch at Pizza Hut.



February 16 - T.W.W. - 6 - 7:30 pm Carry in Dinner

February 18 - 19 - EduCare 2000 - First Baptist Church - Indianapolis. See article this issue of Tidings for additional information.

February 19 - Orientation for Candidates, Mentors and Parents meeting 10 am.

Looking Ahead



Pebruary 20 - "Strings and Stars 2000" - Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by Talent Show. There will be a charge for the meal. This is a nanual church event sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12). The sure and sign up for the Talent Show!

ebruary 26 - CCF Bells and Choir practice -

February 27 - "The Northmen" Men's Gospel Group visiting.



February 29 - Meal 6:30 pm and Darrell Faires concert at 7:30 pm. Please see article on Darrell in this issue of Tidings



March 4 - Key Leaders' Seminar - Plymouth Congregational Church 9:30 am. Free to Members of UCC and Disciple Churches. \$20.00 for others. Contact FCC office for registrations form and additional topic information.

March 5 - CYF Planning Meeting - 6 pm

March 8 - Ash Wednesday service - 7 pm

March 11 - Candidate, Mentor, Parents meeting - 10 am.

March 12 - CCF - Camp Barbee Outing -Leave from FCC after second worship service You will be learning about camp.

March 14 - D.M.A. visiting Botanical Gardens. (PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN ERROR FOR MARCH 7)

March 19 - CCF - Roller Dome. 2-6 pm Charge is \$2.50 each.

Continued . . .

March 18 & 19 - "Mission Possible: Service for Our Savior" Allisonville Christian Church - Indianapolis. \$25 if paid by February 14, \$30 if paid between February 15 and March 3. For additional information contact FCC office.

May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministry Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239. More information will also be in upcoming issues of Tidings.

June 19-21 - Heritage Tour to Bethany, VA. A preview meeting will be held in March. Reservations due by April 24th cost will be approximately \$180 per person. Watch future Tidings for dates and more information or call North Christian Church 482-1596.



Dear FCC

Michael and I want to thank you so much for letting us use your lovely church for our wedding. Your church is so beautiful. We will treasure our memories of your church and our wedding always and forever. We apologize for our pictures being so late.

Continued

Michael and I have moved to VA, so the last couple of months have been even more hectic Thanks again.

Ginger and Michael Hoover (Note: Ginger and Michael were married at FCC on October 9, 1999)

Dear Friends

I would like to thank every one for the cards, gifts and for attending my retirement. Judy and I hope that you had a good time at the party.

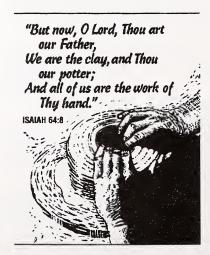
From the Retired Old Cat (Dick Mey)

Whoops!

Please make correction in your FCC directory Correct address and telephone number for Deb Lehman is:

7615 Canterchase Court Apt 1B FW 46804 219/459 - 3630

Sorry Deb!



If you know...

The location of the VCR that used to be in the youth room in the basement, please contact the church office ASAP.

DID YOU KNOW????

.... that Jerry and Diane Zehr have become grandparents. Their daughter Jennifer and her husband Andrew now have a son. His name is Atticus Dryden Clouse. He was born on January 31 at 4:30 am and weighed in at seven and a half pounds. All are doing just fine.





Prayer Opportunity

Elders have begun to meet for an hour of prayer on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the parlor. The invitation to join in prayer with them is open to all.

Adventure Club/Project Reads

Children and Mentors are meeting again on Thursday afternoons after school 3:45 - 5 pm.

Adult Bell Choir

Adult bell choir Thursday evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We Need You!!!

Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays 7 pm.

Janice is always looking for new voices. Come join us on Thursdays.

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

To better handle "the paying of bills" we are requesting some very important and much needed information from each of you.

When you or someone on your Ministry Tean places an order for products, please have that person inform the FCC office. The following information will be required: the company products are being ordered from, the approximate cost and the account that it is to be charged to.

If this information is not provided it will cause a delay in payment and eventually being not able to purchase from a company that has not been paid properly.

If you have any questions, please contact FCC office.

Thanks to each and every one for helping in this somewhat new procedure.

Baby Dedication

March 12th has been set for Baby and Youth Dedication. Please contact FCC office right away if you have a baby or young person that you would like to have dedicated.

Summer Camp

Camp dates are now available for Barbee Christian Camp and Bedford Christian Camp. These dates will be posted in up coming Tidings, but you can receive advance information by contact the FCC office at 744-3239. CAMP COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED. If you are interested in becoming a counselor, please contact FCC office.

New Summer Camp...

...for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. Complete information available at FCC office in Ft Wayne.

Trip to New Mexico

Additional information has been received, and anyone planning on going on this trip to New Mexico should contact the FCC office ASAP for details.

Stop Gun Violence

Information has been received on "State Firearms Laws" effective December, 1999. For up-coming legislation, changes in current laws and telephone numbers for information. Please call church office.

DO YOU LOVE BABIES?

Are you a grandma who loves to cuddle and play with little ones? Or are you a couple looking for a way to serve the church together? The Christian Education Ministry Team is looking for older teens or adults who are interested in volunteering some (NOT ALL!) of their time to help Jafsheen on those days when the nursery is literally CRAWLING with babies!!!

Call Diane Bohlen at 622-9106 for more information or just sign your self up for a Sunday or two on the schedule posted on the nursery door!



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Bible Statements by Kids

he following statements about the bible were ritten by children and have not been prected for grammar or spelling.

In the first book of the Bible, Guinessis, God of tired of creating the world, so he took the abbath off.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a all of fire by night.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, there they made unleavened bread which is read without any ingredients.

The first commandment was when Eve told dam to eat the apple.

Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of eritol.



FACTS ABOUT Week of Compassion

~Women grow up to 90 % of all food for home consumption in developing countries. They produce half the world's food, but own only one percent of its farmland.

~The wealthiest one percent of U.S. citizens in 1996 had more wealth than the bottom 90 percent combined, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

~More than one billion people in the world have no access to safe drinking water.

~An acre of trees can remove 13 tons of dust and gasses from the air each year.

~Five Million people die every year due to waterborne disease. (What is a waterborne disease? Disease from dirty water.)

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS. . .

The Family of Ronald Fryback. Ron died on Monday, February 7, 2000 and is the husband of our Sexton Sandy.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt

Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

Freida Current- Cancer - Friend of Rosie Krull

Russell Current - Husband of Freda - Problems with previously amputated leg.

Bonnie Evans - Daughter of Reba Fusselman - Kidney removal.

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier

Bill Kerley - Mayo Clinic for blood pressure treatment.

Donna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

June Kneller - Friend of Evelyn Yeoman - Knee surgery

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Bea MacQuire - Sister of Evelyn Yeoman's sister-in-law - Lung cancer

Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller

Glenn & Wilma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home and Glenn has blood clot in foot..

Mary Novachcoff - Recovering at home from back surgery.

Josh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Don Scearce - Friend of Judy Church - Prostrate cancer surgery

Wilbur & Doris Snook

Bruce Stone at home in Florida.

Brittany York - 5 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - Leukemia

Laura York - Cancer

Janet Weicker - Moving to Lutheran Health Care

Diana White - Recovering at home from infection following surgery.

From Generation to Generation

A Campaign for the future of the Christian Church in Indiana We will tell to the coming generations the glorious deeds of the Lord (Psalm 78:4)

eeing both sides of the cross

ar Friends in Christian Faith,

low me to introduce you to our regional campaign From Generation to Generation. I am mensely moved by the power of this theme. It honors where we have come as a church family d prepares us for our journey ahead. Seeds of faith must be well tended and strengthened for the ure. Established spiritual vineyards must be given new light, enriched and never neglected aring the Good News of Jesus Christ will ensure a fine future for generations.

re is a glimpse of just a few of the ministries that will be supported by this important campaign.

ngregation Support: Your support of From Generation to Generation will help churches in nsition as well as new congregations.

outh Camp Upgrades: Early Christian youth experiences will be enhanced with upgrades to the cilities at Bedford and Barbee Christian Camps.

S Scholarship Fund: Ministerial students will benefit from the establishment of the Christian urch in Indiana Endowed Scholarship Fund.

verseas Ministries: Our overseas mission work in Nepal and Honduras will continue to make a ference in the lives of many different generations.

recampaign logo identity that you see shows two faces, one on each side of the cross. The faces present the faith that is central to the lives of every generation. They balance one another. They engthen and refresh one another. And, they are bound together by the life example of our Lord. I each side of the cross I see possibility, creativity, compassion and inspiration. I ask you to see

both sides, honor both sides, and join me in supporting this campaign with the gift of your financial support.

Thank you for your faith commitment.

Yours in Christ, C. Edward Weisheimer

Regional Minister

Christian Church (DOC) in Indiana

OUR GOAL: \$2,000,000

Christian Church in Indiana	
Churches in Mission, Transition or Redevelopment	\$450,000
Capital improvements at Barbee	\$225,000
Capital improvements at Bedford	\$250,000
Ministerial Salary Assistance Endowment	\$150,000
New Church Starts	\$300,000
Indiana Women's Endowment Fund	\$ 25,000

OTHER DISCIPLES MINISTRIES

New Church Establishment	\$100,000
Eureka college Support	\$150,000
Christian Theological Seminary	\$ 50,000
United Mission to Nepal	\$100,000
Christian commission on Development in Honduras	\$100,000
Disciples of Christ Historical Society	\$ 50,000
Ministerial Relief and Assistance	\$ 50,000

Churches in Mission, Transition or Redevelopment - \$450,000

It is vital to offer grants to churches in mission or transition. These grants will be used to assist congregations undertaking new programs to redirect ministry or to support churches in a start up period. Funds will be set aside for churches considering relocation or to assist churches facing a diminishing membership and financial pressures. Inner-city congregations will be assist ensuring the continuation of this important work.

apital Improvements at Barbee - \$225,000

A new multi-purpose building will be added at Barbee to increase the utilization of the mp space. Currently, the dining hall is used for large group activities. The proposed new hilding would enable multi-group sessions and also provide a rainy day space for small group tivities. Also included in the proposal is new transportation equipment and five new permanent elters for outdoor activities.

apital Improvements at Bedford

A new lodge is proposed at Camp Bedford. The current hall is only productive in fair eather since it is only heated from a stone fireplace. The new lodge would provide a dining hall r 150 people and a large multi-purpose room. This addition would give year round access to this portant camp facility.

inisterial Salary Assistance Endowment - \$150,000

Attracting and maintaining excellent ministerial leadership is important to the present and ture needs of the church. This fund would establish grants to assist with ministerial salary pport throughout the region.

ew Church Starts - \$300,000

While the population of Indiana is growing, it is also shifting. As a result, it is important r the Christian Church in Indiana to support the call to create new congregations.

diana Women's Endowment Fund - \$25,000

Providing leadership development opportunities for Indiana women (i.e. mission trips, ntinuing education workshops, retreats, and the ICWF Quadrennial Assembly)

ew Church Establishment - \$100,000

Providing pastor/developer workshops and material as well as other resources to support e new church strategies approved by the 1997 General Assembly.

ureka College Support - \$150,000

Restoring a 129-year-old chapel and making it accessible to persons with handicaps. iproving existing residence halls and helping build new apartments to serve a growing student dy.

hristian Theological Seminary - \$50,000

Assisting ministerial students through the establishment of *The Christian Church in diana Endowed Scholarship Fund*.

United Mission to Nepal - \$100,000

Through the Division of Overseas Ministries we support the work of The United Mission to Nepal and its rural development center near Pokhara, Nepal. Our help will bring teachers, training and support to the center's Gandaki Boarding School. The school needs a new building for classrooms as well as faculty offices for their Bachelor of Science teacher training program. The school was established in 1966 in response to the inaccessibility of good school for rural village children.

Christian Commission on Development in Honduras - \$100,00

The Christian Commission on Development in Honduras in Partnership with our Division of Overseas Ministries is working to establish a shelter for women and children who are victims domestic violence. The complex would be located in Talanga on land donated by the ministerial alliance. The complex would include homes to accommodate twenty families and a building for skills training in bread making, embroidery, flower arrangement, natural medicine, sewing and cooking. Workshops will also be held for shelter residents including Bible study, legal counselir self-esteem and agricultural training.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society - \$50,000

Assisting with the Society's enhancement of its computer network to make its resources available on-line to congregations and individuals.

Ministerial Relief and Assistance - \$50,000

Providing supplements to the "below average pensions' of more than 1,500 retired ministers and spouses through the Pension fund of the Christian Church.

Each generation is connected to the other through the witness of faith and a life of Christian service. As Disciples, we share the good news and prepare for the future . . .

From Generation to Generation

EduCare 2000

Training for Congregational Leadership February 18 & 19,2000 Indianapolis, Indiana

Keynote Speaker: Karen-Marie Yust

Assistant Professor of Christian Education Christian Theological Seminary

hedule:

RIDAY

noon	Registration begins
00 pm	Community / Gathering
00 pm	Session I
30 pm	Break
00 pm	Session II
00 pm	Free Time

00 pm Banquet & Keynote Presentation (at Wyndham Garden Hotel)

TURDAY

:30 am	Morning Prayers
:00 am	Session III
:00 am	Break
:15 am	Mini workshops
:15 pm	Lunch
15 pm	Worship

00 pm Session IV
30 pm Dismissal in Discovery Groups

Continued

DISCOVERY GROUPS

- The Book of Acts: The story of the Church for our time. Martha Fairfield, Bible Teacher, First Baptist Church-Indianapolis
- 2. Middle School Ministries
 Grace Burton Edwards
 Director Davis Park Ministries
 First Methodist Church Anderson
 Ellen Barnett
 Minister of Christian Education & Youth
 First Baptist Church Anderson
- Families in a Violent World
 Jon Pahl
 Education for Conflict Mgmt
 Valparaiso University
- 4. Rotation Workshop Model of Sunday School Pam Mers
 Cornerstone Ministries
 Glenview IL
- Our Heart's Deepest Sighs
 Judith Burns
 Coordinator of Spiritual Life Center
 St Lukes Methodist Church Indy
- Older Adult Ministry Ages and Stages Wendy Shuler,
 Director of Church Relations,
 Baptist Homes of Indiana - Zionsville

Continued

Martha's Ministry: Hospitality in the Church Linn Bartling Interim minister - St Paul's United Church of Christ - Andrews IN John Hinant

Interim minister - Trafalgar Christian Church - Trafalgar IN

Children in Worship Kaye Edwards Associate Family and Children's Ministries Christian Church (DOC) In

ii - Shops

esponse to many requests from people wishing to have a taste of workshops, other than the s in which they are enrolled, several one-hour Mini-Shops will be offered in which discovery up leaders will share information from their workshops in a condensed form. In addition to e, other persons will lead one hour sessions on topics which will be of interest to EduCare icipants. Mini-shops being offered will be posted at the registration table and participants may up for one at the time of registration. They are optional, and participants may elect to have time instead.

t: \$65 (add \$15 if registration is postmarked after February 1)
Includes: event cost, banquet on Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

ation:

First Baptist Church 8600 N. College Avenue

Directions available at FCC office.

sistration form for event included. You are responsible for your own hotel reservations.

cial Note:

Overnight housing may be provided.

Scholarship available. We hope to car pool to Indianapolis. on the 18th leaving from FCC at 9am and stopping on the way for lunch. Please contact Judy church or church office to sign up for car pool.

SERVING SUNDAY February 13, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

John Ohneck, Dick Mey

10:45 am

Jean McGrew, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Betty Grimm, David Brooks, Holly Mathis

10:45 am

Jenny Baitz, Greg Baitz, Diane Bohlen, Sue Allen, Orie McDougle, Shari Grier Marilyn McDougle, Sue Brickley,

LAY WORSHIP: David Brooks

ACOLYTE Polly and Quan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Diane Bohlen, Sue Brey

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Judy Church, Nora Allen, Kathy Cron, Katie Moll, Teresa Hatten, Diane Bohlen SERVING SUNDAY February 20, 2000

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Barb Hayes

10:45 am

Charlie Hatten, Judy Church

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman,

Nora Allen, Christi Deck

10:45 am

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LAY WORSHIP: David Brooks

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February 23, 2000 volume 57, Number 6 'There's a place for you at First'

At the Feeder Again,

An empty feeder is a dreary sight. A hungry bird won't stay long at an empty feeder.

The Gold Finch male jumps from perch to perch looking for a few choice seeds. I stand in the window and watch his hunger It's nearly lent, and I'm torn between dragging out the thistle feed or letting him hunger a bit. I tell myself that lent is for all creation. But mostly I'm remembering this particular male Gold Finch, he's always at the feeder. I'm remembering his protective, what I would call sinful, behavior at the feeder in January. I recall commenting on how he chased away the others because they were getting too near his hoard of seeds. I recalled the vicious swings he took with that beak he just sharpened on a branch, aiming at the heads of a few females. A cold feeling came over me. I thought to myself about how his hunger might teach him to respect others a bit more....and then I went to the garage and grabbed the sack of feed YES, I was just like him, "Hoarder" I cursed to myself. Sin is an terrible thing to find in ones own heart

Hunger is good for a person from time to time. Hunger teaches a lesson to us about priorities and expectations. Too much hunger however, is not good, it blocks out reason and gnaws away at the spirit. Hunger helps me to realize that my ability

to end this feeling is a gift not everyone in the world has on their credit card.

Fasting is a good spiritual exercise during lent. (Be sure to check with your doctor before doing ANYTHING). If done properly, fasting can help reduce weight, curb unhealthy patterns, shrink desire, and it may even do some other beneficial health things (could it lower cholesterol? I don't know..??? (shrugging of shoulders)....It might.)

I do know that fasting, like any spiritual discipline, can draw attention away from sin and place it squarely on Godly thoughts. Spiritual discipline puts things in perspectives. Jesus gave us many thoughts related to discipline. Sometimes when we put ourselves in an attitude of learning, such as taking on a spiritual discipline during lent, we even begin to understand a bit.

"So, just learn that lesson before it's too late," I yell up the tree. I'm preaching at a gold finch....listen to me....Ah, but it's nearly lent....and I'm hungry...and I'm learning.

Looking at the empty feeder, and feeding only on the love of Christ,

Neil.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled." Matthew 5:6

Start a Spiritual Journey that prepares you for Easter

March 8th

Ash Wednesday 7p.m. worship March 15th

Third Wednesday Worship

6-7:30 p.m. Four Studies on A contemporary

Journey into Prayer

(Soup and Sandwich Supper. Bring a can of soup for the community pot.)

March 22 6-7:30 pm March 29 6-7:30 pm

April 5 6-7:30 pm April 12 6-7:30 pm

April 16

Palm Sunday Paramount Brass Both worship services

April 19

*Third Wednesday Worship -"Christ In the Concrete City" (Dramatic Presentation of the Passion of Christ and our response)

April 20

Maundy Thursday worship -Service of Shadows - Featuring FCC Elders

April 21

Good Friday - Southside Community Worship at FCC! 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

April 23 - Easter

6:30 a.m. at Grace St. John's. 8:15 & 10:45 Cantata Here!

> **Other Coming Events** Mark your calendar

March 11 Candidate, Mentor, Parents meeting - 10 am.

March 12

Baby and Youth Dedication Sunday.

CCF - Camp Barbee

March 14

D.M.A. visiting Botanical Gardens. Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

March 15

T.W.W. 6 - 7:30 pm

March 18 & 19 "Mission Possible: Service for Our Savior' Allisonville Christian Church - Indianapolis. \$30 if paid between February 15 and March 3. For additional information contact FCC office.

March 26 Youth Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER **OUR FRIENDS AND** LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips Kathlyn Banet Ilene Blauvelt - Life Care Center of FW - 1649 Spy Run Avenue Room 60 - FW 46805 Sheryl Collingan - Daughter of Bill and Joan Franklin - on crutches after foot surgery. Stan Colligan - Husband of Sheryl - Surgery to repair broken ankle. Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing

Home Russell & Freida Current-Friends of Rosie Krull Reba Fusselman



Janette Grier Jeff Grier Donna Knecht - Sister Snook Betty Lanning - Cancer Sue Brickley) Bea MacQuire - Sister Yeoman's sister-in-law

Charlie McGrew & Jean

- Emphysema Lola Miller Glenn & Wilma Miller under Dr's care at home Mary Novachcoff - Rec Josh Richardson - Still 1 reconstructive surgeries Tony, Barb Justin Rum

Kyle Schaffer

Center

cancer

Bruce Stone at home in Brittany York - 5 year c granddaughter of Tom (Leukemia Laura York - Cancer

Janet Weicker - Bever

Diana White - Recove

Wilbur & Doris Snook

Wow! 30 awesome per

signed up wanting to k

more about R.A.N.D.(

A.C.T.S. (R-Resource) A-angelic; N-neighbori doing, O-open hearted ministries - A-active; C T-trusting and S-service Please join us Monday,

at 7 pm for an informal

gathering meeting.

Day & evening ministr will be discusssed. If y not sign up for informa would like to attend the

always an extra seat av

Open heartedly . . . Kris Oh

Hatten's Receive Ecumenical Service Award

Charlie and Teresa Hatten were stunned by the news. The 106 Member Churches of the Fort Wayne Associated Churches voted to honor Charlie and Teresa for their many years of dedicated service to the community. Among the work cited by Rev. Vernon Graham was Charlie's work with the Chaplaincy at the Jail, Teresa's key leadership in developing the Baby's Closet and Project Reads.

Unfortunately, Teresa was unable to be present, so she was informed prior to her departure to New Mexico, about the award. The choir sent her off with a loud standing ovation. True to form Teresa said, "I wouldn't have been able to do these things without a church family and their support." Charlie echoed those comments from the podium Sunday evening, after a rousing burst of applause from the gathered community.

Letters of support were received from Pastor Zehr and Dr. Hamm.

Three tables of supporters gathered to honor the Hattens.

Among the other awards,

Mel Phillips and Rev. Bledsoe received Sangamore of the Wabash awards from the governor.



For creative ideas about security investments that benefit church organizations contact the Christian Church Foundation at 1-800-668-8016 or check out the web site through www.disciples.org.

Tim Akers Named Summer Intern for First Christian

Eureka College Preministerial student, Tim Akers will join the staff of First Christian Church this summer. Tim's love of the church started with a solid family life in Robinson, Illinois, where his father has been pastor for many years.

More personal information will follow when we have a chance to talk with Tim in May. He'll be in worship with us on May 14th (Don't worry - he's bringing his mother for Mother's Day).

Details about Tim's responsibilities will also be

worked out with the Pastor.

Funding for this special internship is provided through interest from the Memorial Trust Fund - Church Vocation scholarship. Many thanks to the individuals and families that helped build this fund.

CCF News

(Open to all children grades 1-6)

March 12 - Camp Barbee Outing - Learn about camp, experience a campfire and "mini-camp." Noon meal. Returning around 6 p.m. Drivers needed.

March 19 - Roller Dome 2-6 p.m. (Meet at church) Evan's providing meal. Cost \$2.50

Special Edition of the Tidings

This special edition of the Tidings is a one time event. Its purpose was to test a new format - cost and production time. Many thanks to the wonderful people at Indiana Duplicators for the free use of their machine.

Thank you for your feedback.

SERVING, MARCH 12, 2000

First Sunday of Lent

ELDERS

8:15 am

Teresa Hatten, Marlo Quick

10:45 am

John Ohneck, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 AM

Betty Grimm, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Jenny Baitz

ACOLYTE: Quan & Polly

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Neil Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Linda Deck, Christi Deck

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

Marlene Crouse, Jenny Baitz, Kathy Cron, Sue Brickley, Charlie Hatten, Linda Deck

SERVING, MARCH 19, 2000

Second Sunday of Lent

ELDERS

8:15 am

Anne Moll, Becca Widmer

10:45 am

Jean McGrew, Charlie Hatten

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, Shari Grier

ACOLYTE: Natalie & Courtney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Linda Deck

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Linda Deck, Christi Deck

Never does human nature seem so glorious and so wicked all at once as when we stand before the cross of Jesus! The most enthusiastic hopes, the most profound humiliation, have found their inspiration there.

Phillips Brooks

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n Memory of Harold Hamm and Laura York

he Feeder Again,

re have when you're born or you don't. re are no schools for learning the craft, at t as far as we know. This was proven ntifically when a Baltimore Oriole pair taken while still unhatched and raised in ation. Amazingly, the pair proceeded to d a very complex (bottom entry) nest, just the other Oriole. They didn't build a high apartment building. They didn't build a that looked like a science lab. It looked an Oriole nest when they were finished.

azing is it?

ly imagination I see God crouched over a kstation making modules for Orioles, so just in case, one day if they're ever raised aptivity, they would display complex ing patterns to blow the socks off ntists......what do you think?

an, can't you see the shelves on the wall's lod's work area bulging with literature on y subject, descriptive diagrams of every

detail of creation. On one wall there would be volumes on Transfer RNA, on another wall, a host of papers dealing with insect ovipositor operation. I can imagine shelf after shelf after shelf dealing with humming bird wings and the emotional behavior among female humans raised in Newark, during the 1960's.

Forgive me for being so crazy, but it's just that I've been pouring over the instruction manual for the new telephone system at the church. I've been reading about executive override flex buttons and trying to find out what a Disa trunk line is. So far I'm up to line one and handset location. I just wish I could be an Oriole for a day, pre-programmed for the important stuff.

Well, Doug from Executone says, "Don't worry. If the phone rings, pick it up and say something pleasant." I'm taking him at his word. He looks like he might have been converted from an Oriole embryo at some point while he was on the workstation of God.

Doug did also say that door operation works mostly like it did before. Line 6 and * opens the door from the offices. The on/off button shuts off the speaker. If you're not in the

office, say down the hall by the board room, push line queue and *. The door will open to outsiders. If you would then please push the on/off button all will be right with the world, God will be happy, and go back to making earthworm nephrostomes, and I won't be in Doug's office trying to learn how to undo what we did.

Either way, perhaps a bit shaky, I'll be at the feeder again.

Feeding on the Love of Christ, Neil

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"Behold I'm doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?" Frankly, NO!

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It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Harold E. Hamm, father of Richard Hamm, General Minister and President, early Tuesday morning, February 22, in St. Petersburg, FL. He is survived by his wife Mildred and another son, Chuck.

Funeral services were held in St. Petersburg, with interment in Hillsboro, Indiana.

Messages of condolence and memorials may be sent to the Hamm family at:

Dick & Mindy Hamm c/o Office of General Minister and President - POB 1986 Indy In 46206



A Spiritual Journey....

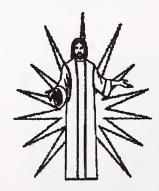
Begins in prayer.
Is mapped by prayer.
Continues through prayer.
Is sustained by prayer.

And ends from the lack of prayer.

Come join us for a Contemporary Journey into prayer. Have fun trying new forms of prayer.

Learn how to speak with God through new and ancient forms of prayer.

The journey begins March 8<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday Worship - and continues on every Wednesday through Easter.



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# Candidates and Mentors to begin *their* Spiritual Journey...

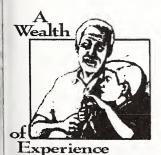
irst Christian Church is sponsoring a Mentor rogram for young persons in the ongregation who are ready to learn about aptism and church membership.

his year we have 3 candidates from 6<sup>th</sup> grade arough 9<sup>th</sup>. Each candidate has his or her wn Mentor, an adult member of the ongregation, who meets with them and helps tem prepare for this time. In addition, there re two Saturday morning meetings when andidates and Mentors are led in study by astor Neil Allen.

he Candidates will be introduced to the ongregation at our Palm Sunday 10:45 am orship service. We look forward to their ext steps of faith.

lease hold these candidates and the adults ho work with them in prayer during this me.

Melissa Brey - Nora Allen Nick Whitworth - Sam Hayes Jenica Wilson - Marlene Crouse



Continued . . .

A Candidates, Parents and Mentors Class with Pastor Allen will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 am - "Why Jesus Gave His Life for Us". Also work sheets for week number one will be discussed.



## Register Now For Sessions 2000 Des Moines, Iowa July 6-9

The July 6-9th event will include inspiration, fellowship, mission work, learning and just plain fun. The event is entitled "Aflame with the Spirit: New Leadership for a New Era."

Event Leaders: Stephan Boyd, Professor of history of Christianity and historical Theolog from Wake Forest University.

Rev. Alvin O. Jackson - Pastor of National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Washington, D.C.

Rev. Richard Hamm - General Minister and President and Honored Minister of First

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne, In.

Rev. Doug Adams - professor of Christianity and the arts, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calf. Sign up on line Check out <a href="https://www.disciples.org">www.disciples.org</a>.

Are you in need of a boost from your weekly routine?

Ever thought that others around you may be in the need of the very same boost? Looking at possibilities of starting a 6 week interactive experience centered around "Random Acts of Kindness. If you are interested in receiving more information, please call church office (744-3239). You will be notified in two weeks when Random

#### Random Acts

Acts will begin.

R - resourceful

A - angelic

N - neighbors

D - doing

O - open-hearted

M - ministries

A - active,

C - caring

T - trusting and

S - serving

# **Visitors**

February 27 and March 5 WELCOME TO OUR MISITORS

The Northmen - Kathy, Allen, Scott, Brad and Larry

Nick Hoffman

Amanda Kurtz

Diane Wright

Mike Kane

Sylvia Musser

Bonnie Johnson

Al Foster

Rick & Shelby Livengood and Autumn from

Flora

Brittany Jenkens

Valerie Kimball

Linda Giles

Rev. Carmen Ellis

Sean Ellis

Guy & Sharon Matthew - Bloomington

Barb Richardson and Jamie

Marietta Rogers

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

# inistry Team Meetings

rch 20 - Outreach - 7 pm

rch 21 - Worship - 7 pm

rch 21 - Evangelism - 7 pm

# hat's Happening Now



# by and Youth Dedication

arch 12<sup>th</sup> has been set for Baby and Youth edication. Please contact FCC office right vay if you have a baby or young person that you would like to have dedicated.

#### iritual Journey

ednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, began "The Spiritual urney". See article this Tidings for formation on this spiritual happening.

## Looking Ahead

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March 12 - Baby and Youth Dedication Sunday.

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March 18 & 19 - "Mission Possible: Service for Our Savior" Allisonville Christian Churc - Indianapolis. Fellowship, worship, Missior Recreation and a greater understanding of how youth can be involved in Service for ou Savior. Designed for youth in 6 - 8th grades.

March 22 - The Spiritual Journey continues 6-7:30 pm



March 26 - Youth Sunday. FCC Youth will be in charge for both worship services. <u>Plan</u> now to be here and hear their message.

March 29 - Bible Study and Worship - 6 - 730 pm

May 4 - National Day of Prayer - "Pray2k-America's Hope for the New Millennium". Please see special article this issue of Tidings.

May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministry Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239.

June 19-21 - Heritage Tour to Bethany, VA. A preview meeting will be held in March. Reservations due by April 24<sup>th</sup> cost will be approximately \$180 per person. Watch future Tidings for dates and more information or call North Christian Church 482-1596.











## Thank you

To our Friends at FCC

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day, whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

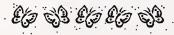
From the Fryback Family

## DID YOU KNOW????

...through your generosity we were able to send a check in the amount of \$ 1,637.00 to Week of Compassion to be used in their outreach ministry. Thank you everyone and may God continue to bless each of you.

...that Tim and Sue Ann ????? (daughter and son-in-law) of Charles and Mary Sue Ludwig are leaving on March 10 for Bolivia? They will be going with a church group from St Andrew's United Methodist Church near Purdue, to help with rebuilding and also taking medical supplies. They will be gone about 10 days.

Their three children will be staying at home. Tim and Sue Ann are the proud parents of a daughter, Abigail age 2-1/2 years and 9 year old twin boys Andrew and Zachary (who are called A to Z).





## The families of Laura York and Harold Hamm

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt - Life Care Center of FW - 1649 Spy Run Avenue Room 60 - FW 46805

Helen Boester - Grandmother of Erin Brosey. Knee surgery and 2 heart attacks.

Sheryl Collingan - Daughter of Bill and Joan Franklin - on crutches after foot surgery.

Stan Colligan - Husband of Sheryl - Surgery to repair broken ankle.

Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

Russell & Freda Current- Friends of Rosie Krull

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier

Donna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Jean Lash - Friend of Evelyn Yeoman and FCC - St Joe Hospital - Heart Unit

Sue Ann and Tim - Daughter and Son-in-law of Charles and Mary Sue Ludwig - going to Bolivia for 10 days to help rebuild and take medical supplies.

Bea MacQuire - Sister of Evelyn Yeoman's sister-in-law - Lung cancer

Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller

Glenn & Wilma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home. Glenn is at St. Joe Hospital - ICU Josh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Wilbur & Doris Snook

Bruce Stone at home in Florida.

Brittany York - 5 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - Leukemia

Janet Weicker - Beverly Rehab and Special Care Center

Diana White

The best kind of friend is the kind you cant sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you have ever had.





t 2000

ociated Churches Food Bank System's ten Goal for 2000 is to collect 4,000 nds of canned fish by Easter Sunday, il 23.

st needed items are cans of tuna, mackerel salmon.

nember the story of the miracle told in 16: 1-14. The young lad's simple ifice of two fish and five small loaves of d fed more than 5,000 people, and still was food left over! So it is with our of fish and boxes of crackers. The little of us gives can feed so many hungry le in Ft. Wayne!

r donations may be brought to the FCC e during regular business hours. We will m get it to the Food Bank.

## er Opportunity

s have begun to meet for an hour of r on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the parlor. nvitation to join in prayer with them is to all.

#### Adventure Club/Project Reads

Children and Mentors are meeting again on Thursday afternoons after school 3:45 - 5 pm

#### Adult Bell Choir

Adult bell choir Thursday evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" fo FCC. We Need You!!!

# Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays 7 pm.

Janice is always looking for new voices. Come join us on Thursdays.

#### Summer Camp

Camp dates are now available for Barbee Christian Camp and Bedford Christian Camp.

These dates will be posted in up coming Tidings, but you can receive advance information by contacting the FCC office at 744-3239. CAMP COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED. If you are interested in becoming a counselor, please contact FCC office.

Two New Summer Camps for 2000 ... June 12-15 - Barbee Christian Camp -Leadership Camp

Leadership training opportunities for young adults interested in counseling in Christian camp and Outdoor Ministries. This camp is designed for counselor Assistants (ages 16-17) and Counselors in Training (ages 18-20) to receive training and skill building in their role in the summer camping program. (Cost is \$25) Contact FCC office if you would like more information.

#### AND

...for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. (Cost is \$160) Complete information available at FCC office in Ft Wayne.



**Family Group** 

(Varying Fees/All Ages)

Registration forms available FCC office.

# Camp Barbee

| New Beginnings                     | June 13-15    | \$ 70  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Completed grades 2,3)              | Aug 7-9       |        |
| Completed grades 2,5)              | 1105 / /      |        |
| V D' ' I                           | T. 1 2 0      | Ø1.60  |
| Young Disciples                    | July 3-8      | \$160  |
| (Completed grades 4,5)             | July 31 -     |        |
|                                    | Aug 5         |        |
|                                    | Ū             |        |
| Chi Rho Camp                       | June 19-24    | \$160  |
| *                                  |               | ΨΙΟΟ   |
| (Completed grades 6,7,8            | 8) July 24-29 |        |
|                                    |               |        |
| CYF Conference                     | June 26-      |        |
|                                    | July 1        | \$160  |
| (Completed grades 9-12) July 17-22 |               |        |
| (Completed grades )-12             | .) July 17-22 |        |
| D '11' D '1                        | T 1 10 15     | Φ 55   |
| Building Bridges                   | July 10-15    | \$ 55  |
| (Ages 12-14)                       |               |        |
|                                    |               |        |
| M.A.D.                             | Aug 9-12      | \$ 115 |
| (Chi Rho)                          |               | 4 110  |
| (CIII IGIO)                        |               |        |
|                                    |               |        |

Sept. 1-4

## A Request

Dear FCC Members

With the holiday season over and all the trimmings packed away, is there anyone who might have photos (and possibly even a video recording) of Walk To Bethlehem?

A cherished event to us, I would like to pickup your negatives and/or video to have reprints made, so that we can add these to our family library.

We are in the book - the new FCC directory that is!

Thanks, Laura Whitworth

# MORE...

Bible Statements by Kids

The following statements about the bible were written by children and have not been corrected for grammar or spelling.

~The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

~St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.

~Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. Continued . . .

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## le Statements by Kids continued

was a miracle when Jesus rose from the d and managed to get the tombstone off entrance.

ne people that followed the Lord were ed the 12 decibels.

ne epistles were the wives of the apostles.

Paul cavorted to Christianity. He ached holy acrimony, which is another ne for marriage.

Christian should have only one spouse. s is called monotony.



nges of Address:

Andy, Erin and Lauren Brosey 7003 Terrylake Estates Hamilton IN 46742

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## Beware of Invitations

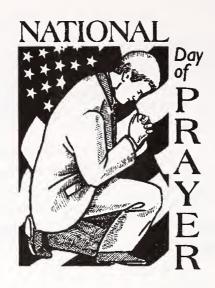
Real invitations are personal. A general public announcement on TV, in the newspaper or the phone book, even in Tiding is just information.

Of course, it's information you can us if you so choose. But a real invitation is a person-to-person thing. Somebody has singled you out specifically and said in some way "It's you that I want to be with me at a party, a potluck, a study, a worship. I am inviting you."

Beware of invitations. An invitation can change a person's life—your life. Invite and be invited.

Message from the Evangelism Ministry Team





## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

"Pray2k-America's Hope for the New Millennium"

#### **Churches Open for Prayer**

Christian Praise & Fellowship
Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Broadway Christian - Northeast
Calvary Temple, East Entrance
Cedar Creek Church of Christ
Central Mennonite church
St Patrick's Catholic Church
Broadway Christian church
Word of Liberty Church

Sonrise at Aboite United Methodist

#### 6:00 am to 8:30 am

4833 South Harrison Street
1025 Vance Avenue
2727 Reed Road
1400 W. Washington Center Road
12602 Leo Road
5810 Schwartz Road
2120 South Harrison Street
910 Broadway
1031 Middle Street, New Haven
10125 Illinois Road

#### **Pastors Prayer Time**

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church

## 11:00 am to 11:45 am

300 East Wayne Street

Continued

inty Wide Prayer Service

11:55 am

Rolland Gallery, Performing Arts Center

303 East Main Street

Earnest Weaver - Sound System and Background Music

Nancy Doty, Turner Chapel AME Church

lamation by Mayor

Ben Markley, special Music

ers for governmental Officials: City, County, State and Federal

er Groups for community Needs

#### ch Time - Work Place Prayer

agement and employees arrange for special prayer time at work during lunch.

#### irches Open for Prayer

any United Methodist

ary Temple, East Entrance

en of Angels Catholic Church

Missionary Church

Wayne Street United Methodist

Trinity Lutheran Church

d Shepherd United Methodist

st's Church at Georgetown

hern Heights Baptist

ohn the Baptist Catholic Church ise at Aboite United Methodist

ity Church of the Nazarene

d of Liberty Church

tview Alliance Church

#### 3:30 am to 6:00 pm

7715 Sunny Lane

2727 Reed Road

1400 W. Washington Center Road

1500 W. State Blvd.

701 Rudisill Blvd.

300 E. Wayne

18330 State Road 37, Harlan

4700 Vance Avenue

3131 Maplecrest

4001 S. Anthony Blvd.

4525 Arlington Avenue

10125 Illinois Road

4150 Stellhorn Road

1031 Middle Street, New Haven

9804 Illinois Road

## cert of Prayer

7:00 pm

ater Progressive Baptist Church 2215 John Street Host Minister: Rev. Ternae Jordan









SERVING SUNDAY March 12, 2000 - First Sunday of Lent

**ELDERS** 

8:15 am

Teresa Hatten, Marlo Quick

10:45 am

John Ohneck, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Betty Grimm, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Jenny Baitz

10:45 am

Marilyn McDougle, Orie McDougle, Diane Bohlen, David Brooks, Holly Mathis, Linda Deck, Greg Baitz, Sue Allen

LAY WORSHIP: Linda Stover **ACOLYTE** Quan and Polly

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Second Service)

Neil Allen

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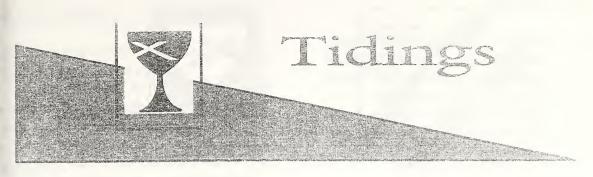
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In Memory of Glenn D. Miller

# At the Feeder Again: ...

e heard it's possible to get down off a duck, impossible to get down off an elephant.

eaking of feathers, did you know there are ee basic types of feathers? Contour thers give the bird shape. Duh! When we k at a bird we don't see their skin shape, see their contour feather shape, which is vays much more attractive. Imagine a big sed body-builder with clawed feet and awny arms. That's about what a bird looks e without contour feathers.

wn feathers make a barrier underneath the atour feathers. They provide warmth and p aquatic birds dry, unless they live in liana during early spring. Nothing works re. Birds also have much smaller feathers led filoplumes, which are tiny, hair-like thers....and everyone knows you can't ver much with those scrawny things (take it m a man that tries to comb those things!)

Feathers are unique things, they have tiny barbs, barbules, and hooklets often called barbicels. These form a sort of girder system that makes the feather light, yet strong. The barbules and barbicels zip together like mechanical velcro. It's very cool. When birds preen, they basically oil and re-zip their contour feathers back into serviceable condition.

On the one side, feathers have a distinct advantage over our naked skin, even our clothing. They look good, eliminate the need for color coordination function like school uniforms, so that the wealthier birds are not distinguished from the poorer ones. That's why churches invented robes. On the other hand, feathers require lots of care.

I'm glad I'm not a bird. I hate to iron, and can't imagine going around all day in unpreened contour feathers. Talk about bad hair days.

No, thanks anyway, I'll not be a bird for a day However, I do like the idea of being covered with something that changes my shape, hides my weakness. I do like the idea of carrying around a sort of insulation layer. That all

sounds wonderful.

Well, actually it sounds like what our faith does. A new shape in Christ. An insulated covering against the coldness of sin... Yeah, I think I get it now....we're sort of like doves.... Spiritually reshaped, and protected against the elements the world throws our way.

Yeah,....sounds great.....I think I can do Lent now.

See ya....Oh, if you need me, I'll be at the feeder....preening..

And feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

"And they shall mount up with wings like eagles!"

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Glenn D. Miller. Glen taught with the Ft Wayne School System for over 30 years and has been a member of First Christian Church since April 1992 and taught the "Progressive Class" on Sunday mornings.

Our prayers go tohis wife Wilma, daughter Cheryl, son Greg, their families, and to those that knew and loved Glenn.



A Spiritual Journey....

Begins in prayer.
Is mapped by prayer.
Continues through prayer.
Is sustained by prayer.

And ends from the lack of prayer.

Come join us for a Contemporary Journey into prayer. Have fun trying new forms of prayer.

Learn how to speak with God through new and ancient forms of prayer.

The journey began March 8<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday Worship - and continues on ever Wednesday through Easter.

# Candidates and Mentors to begin their Spiritual Journey...

First Christian Church is sponsoring a Men Program for young persons in the

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adidates continued. . .

gregation who are ready to learn about tism and church membership.

s year we have 3 candidates from 6<sup>th</sup> grade ough 9<sup>th</sup>. Each candidate has his or her n Mentor, an adult member of the gregation, who meets with them and helps m prepare for this time. In addition, there two Saturday morning meetings when adidates and Mentors are led in study by tor Neil Allen.

candidates will be introduced to the gregation at our Palm Sunday 10:45 am rship service. We look forward to their t steps of faith.

ase hold these candidates and the adults o work with them in prayer during this e.

Melissa Brey - Nora Allen Nick Whitworth - Sam Hayes Jenica Wilson - Marlene Crouse

April 15<sup>th</sup> the Sacrificial Meal will be m 11-12:30 pm with the Candidates, ntors and Parents meeting with Pastor en at 12:30 pm.



MEN..

## Register Now For Sessions 2000 Des Moines, Iowa July 6-9

The July 6-9th event will include inspiration, fellowship, mission work, learning and just plain fun. The event is entitled "Aflame with the Spirit: New Leadership for a New Era."

Event Leaders: Stephan Boyd, Professor of history of Christianity and historical Theolog from Wake Forest University.

Rev. Alvin O. Jackson - Pastor of National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Washington, D.C.

Rev. Richard Hamm - General Minister and President and Honored Minister of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne, In.

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Rev. Doug Adams - professor of Christianity and the arts, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calf. Sign up on line Check out <a href="https://www.disciples.org">www.disciples.org</a>.

## Altar Flowers

Our Altar Flower sign-up board has a few "open" dates. Those dates are:

July 2, 16, 23 & 30

August 20

September 24

November 26

December 3 & 10

If you would be interested in having flowers dedicated on one of the above dates, please contact the FCC office. Thank you.



Are you in need of a boost from your weekly routine?

Ever thought that others around you may be in the need of the very same boost? Looking at possibilities of starting a 6 week interactive experience centered around "Random Acts of Kindness. If you are interested in receiving more information, please call church office (744-3239). You will be notified in two weeks when Random Acts will begin.

#### Random Acts

R - resourceful

A - angelic

N - neighbors

D - doing

O - open-hearted

M - ministries

A - active,

C - caring

T - trusting and

S - serving



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We hope to see you again very soon!!!

# Ministry Team Meetings

April 11 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

April 18 - Worship - 7 pm

April 18 - Evangelism - 7 pm

April 24 - P.R.C. - 7 pm

April 26 - Outreach - 7 pm

# What's Happening Now

Summer Worship Hours Task Force
The Task Force is making a recommendation to the board for summer worship hours change. This would be in effect from the Sunday before Memorial Day through the Sunday before Labor Day. The hour of Worship/Sunday School would be 9:30 am - 10:45 am. There would also be a Bible study for adults from 8:30 to 9:15 am.

If anyone would like to comment on this before the board meeting, please feel free to call anyone on the Task Force.

| Betty Grimm          | 456-7808 |
|----------------------|----------|
| Jessie Fern Woodward | 745-7475 |
| Teresa Hatten        | 447-2649 |
| Dick Mey             | 493-3993 |
| Ray Stover           | 745-0252 |
| Sue Brey             | 447-3540 |
| Roger Moll           | 482-7519 |
| Eunice Conrad        | 744-9519 |

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#### D.M.A.

Come and join us on April 4<sup>th</sup>. when our guest speaker will be Karen Lamire from the FW Children's Zoo. Karen will be showing slides and speaking about the work that is being done in Indonesia on the rehabilitation of Orangutang's. Bring a covered dish to share and join us at FCC at 12 noon.

#### Spiritual Journey

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, began "The Spiritual Journey" and will continue on each Wednesday, until Easter.



March 26 - Youth Sunday. FCC Youth will be in charge for both worship services. <u>Plan now to be here and hear their message</u>. <u>Plus an all church Carry-in Dinner following second worship service</u>.

March 26 - "The Living Cross" for information or contact Rosie Krull.

March 29 - Bible Study and Worship - 6 - 730 pm

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## Looking Ahead

April 1 -2 - California poet Jean Janzen will be at Plymouth Congregational Church for a two-part writing workshop. For more information call 423-9426.

April 2 - Reminder! Daylight Savings begin

April 11 - Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm

April 11 - Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

April 12 - Sipritual Journey continues - 6-7: pm

April 16 - Palm Sunday - Paramount Brass both worship service.



April 19 - Drama "Christ in the Concrete City"6-7:30 pm

April 19 - Choir practice - 7:30 pm

April 20 - Maundy Thursday worship servic 7 pm

April 21 - Choir practice - 11:30 am
April continued

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ril 21 - Community Good Friday Services FCC - 12:30 pm

ril 22 - Prayer Vigil begins 6 am

ril 22 - Easter Bunny Breakfast - 9 am

ril 22 - Choir practice time TBA.

ril 23 - Prayer Vigil ends at 6 am.

ril 23 - Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Services 6:30 am Grace St. John's Church

gular worship services at 8:15 and 10:45 at FCC with Easter Cantata at both vices.

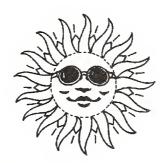


y 4 - National Day of Prayer lay2k—America's Hope for the New Illennium". Please see special article this ue of Tidings. May 13 - FCC Rummage Sale - See article this Tidings for important information.

May 18 - 19 - Conference on Ministry with the Aging VIII "From Generation to Generation". Don Hall's Guest House Ft Wayne. For details contact FCC office.

May 20 - All you care to eat Fish Dinner featuring Ed Fox! Adults \$6; Children (6-8) \$4; Children 5 and under free. Tickets available thru FCC church office in April.

May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministry Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239.



June 16 - 17 - Couples Retreat. See article this Tiding for additional information.

June 19-21 - Heritage Tour to Bethany, VA. A preview meeting will be held in March. Reservations due by April 24<sup>th</sup> cost will be approximately \$180 per person. Watch future Tidings for dates and more information or car North Christian Church 482-1596.

June 26 - 29 Vacation Bible School at FCC. Something for everyone - all ages. Bring a friend, have your children or grandchildren bring a friend or better yet more than one friend!











## Thank you

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us...

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Family of Laura York

## DID YOU KNOW????

...through your generosity we were able to send a check in the amount of \$ 1,637.00 to Week of Compassion to be used in their outreach ministry. Eight children contributed to that amount with \$23.00.

Bless each one of our little ones. Thank you everyone and may God continue to bless each of you.





#### Lent 2000

Associated Churches Food Bank System's Lenten Goal for 2000 is to collect 4,000 pounds of canned fish by Easter Sunday, April 23.

Most needed items are cans of tuna, mackere and salmon.

Remember the story of the miracle told in John 6: 1-14. The young lad's simple sacrifice of two fish and five small loaves of bread fed more than 5,000 people, and still there was food left over! So it is with our cans of fish and boxes of crackers. The little that each of us gives can feed so many hungr people in Ft. Wayne!

Your donations may be brought to the FCC office during regular business hours. We wil in turn get it to the Food Bank.

#### Prayer Opportunity

Elders have begun to meet for an hour of prayer on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the parlor The invitation to join in prayer with them is open to all.

# PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

## The family of Glenn D. Miller who died on Thursday, March 16, 2000.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips
Kathlyn Banet
Ilene Blauvelt - Life Care Center of FW - 1649 Spy Run Avenue Room 60 - FW 46805

Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

Russell & Freda Current-Friends of Rosie Krull

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier

Donna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller

Wilma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home.

Harold Nordblom -At Home

Josh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Wilbur & Doris Snook

Bruce Stone at home in Florida.

Ruth Truesdell - Hospice Care - Lutheran on Fairfield - 8th Floor Room 1

Edna Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

Brittany York - 6 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - She has Leukemia but is some better.

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Janet Weicker - Generation Unit Lutheran Hospital - 3rd. Floor

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enture Club/Project Reads dren and Mentors are meeting again on rsday afternoons after school 3:45 - 5 pm.

It Bell Choir

It bell choir Thursday evenings 5:45 - pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for C. We Need You!!!



Adult Choir meets Thursdays

ce is always looking for new voices. ne join us on Thursdays.

nmer Camp

np dates are now available for Barbee istian Camp and Bedford Christian Camp.

se dates will be posted in up coming ings, but you can receive advance ormation by contacting the FCC office at -3239. CAMP COUNSELORS ARE EDED. If you are interested in becoming a inselor, please contact FCC office.

New Summer Camps for 2000 ...

the 12-15 - Barbee Christian Camp - Edership Camp

dership training opportunities for young lts interested in counseling in Christian up and Outdoor Ministries. This camp is

designed for counselor Assistants (ages 16-17) and Counselors in Training (ages 18-20) to receive training and skill building in their role in the summer camping program. (Cost is \$25) Contact FCC office if you would like more information.

AND

...for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. (Cost is \$160) Complete information available at FCC office in Ft Wayne.

Couples Retreat

Need a Get-Away???

How about a couples retreat that's not just for couples? Join us for a weekend of relaxation and fun while learning a little bit about ourselves and our relationships with others. This retreat is not only open to couples but also for any two adults who happen to live under the same roof!

Dr. Sam Dhanraj will be speaking to us about Communication and Balancing Work and Family. He has made it clear that it does not matter if your are a couple, a mother/daughter, friends who live together, or enemies who live together. As long as you want to learn more about better communication in your relationship and balancing work and family, this retreat is for you!!!

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The Geneva Center, located near Rochester, IN will be the site of our retreat. This secluded center will provide us with overnight accommodations as well as meals and extracurricular activities. (They even have a garden labyrinth to explore!)

We will also be offering an optional 2 hour canoe trip down a calm river on Saturday afternoon for those who are interested.

The registration fee of \$130.00 includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, lunch, and snacks for two. The canoe trip is optional for an additional cost of \$18.00

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15, 2000.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, fun and enlightenment! Call Diane Bohlen, Nora Allen or church office for more details.





Camp Barbee

Family Group

(Varying Fees/All Ages)

New Beginnings Completed grades 2,3)	June 13-15 Aug 7-9	\$ 70
Young Disciples (Completed grades 4,5)	July 3-8 July 31 - Aug 5	\$160
Chi Rho Camp (Completed grades 6,7,8	June 19-24 8) July 24-29	\$160
CYF Conference (Completed grades 9-12	June 26- July 1 2) July 17-22	\$160
Building Bridges (Ages 12-14)	July 10-15	\$ 55
M.A.D. (Chi Rho)	Aug 9-12	\$ 115

Registration forms available FCC office.

Sept. 1-4

Request ar FCC Members ith the holiday season over and all the

mmings packed away, is there anyone who ight have photos (and possibly even a video cording) of Walk To Bethlehem?

cherished event to us. I would like to pickyour negatives and/or video to have orints made, so that we can add these to our mily library.

e are in the book - the new FCC directory at is!

> Thanks. Laura Whitworth

IORE...

CONGRATULATIONS

Curtis and Jessica McBride on the birth of their daughter Instice Anish

Justice was born on March 11 at 10:15 am she weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces

> Big brothers Jamari and C.J., Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa Teresa and Charlie Hatten are all doing great.

Walcome Little One!!!



SPRING IS SPRING THE GRASS IS RIZ I WONDER WHERE THE RUMMAGE IS ?????

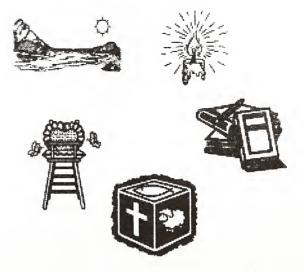
You may not like the poetry above, but the question is timely. In the season commonly known as spring, we can find rummage in our attics, closets, basements, garages, curboards. trunks of cars, bookshelves, stereo cabinets. computer hutches, under the sink, on the wall, in the living room, in the family room, etc. The possibilities are endless and NOW is the time to start looking. The FCC Rummage Sale is MAY 13, 2000!!!!!



Mark it on your calendar and start searching.



Sorry, you cannot bring it to the church until after Easter.





Global Ministries

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English Lessons & Learning About Jesus

Every summer for the past 20 years, a group of Hong Kong teenagers have spent their vacation in a most unusual way, described by Global Ministries missionary Judy Chin Chan, who serves with the Hong Kong Christian Council.

'They attend a four week camp, spending most of their time improving their English while learning about Jesus Christ. Most of these 14-16 year old teenagers are not Christians. In the month spent at the SWAP (Summer with A Purpose) camp, they speak more English than they have probably done in their whole lives. They live without television, computer games and telephones. They wash their own clothes by hand, they clean the toilets, they sleep under mosquito nets. And, oh yes, they have their lives absolutely changed forever."

SWAP was started by a missionary of the Reformed Church in America, which sends six American university students who are joined by six Hong Kong university students who live around the clock with 70 Hong Kong teenagers for an intensive program of English instruction, personal growth classes, and introductory lectures in the Christian faith Judy is liaison between the Hong Kong Christian Council, which sponsors, the program, and the SWAP committee. When the college staff shared their stories, they told how the 'students who were Christian witnessed boldly to their friends, making an impression that a year's worth of religion classes in school might never equal. They told how their own faith was stengthened as they opened their hearts to the pains and joys of an age they themselves had left not long ago. I finished the day,' Judy said,' deeply impressed and immensely grateful to God. And the magic continues to happen every cummer **

Take My Hand. I'm scared!

The following was sent to Pastor Allen by Lois E. Lane, after she reached the age of 100 years young! She informed Pastor Allen that she did not write any longer, that she had given it up at age 90 years.

While the 'good old days' left much to be desired, we can look back and see some things that we cannot buy today, even with all our extra income. One of these is the sense of security—personal security.

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children were allowed to do things and go es which today would be unthinkable. I to smile now when I think of how my er and I (both in our teens) ventured out at it. If we wanted to go someplace bably to some church related meeting). thought nothing of entering the dark barn, ling Old Dewey, getting the bit in his th by the aid of the faithful lantern. We ild then hitch him to the buggy and away would go the mile and a half to town. Of rse we couldn't see the road, but we ended on the light of the lantern and Old vey's instinctive sense of direction to get here safely. Coming home, we followed same pattern - unhitching, again entering dark barn and turning the horse into his le. There was no thought of being afraid. at could possibly hurt us? As far as I w. our parents shared somewhat the same ence of fear for us.

en our grandchildren were small, the two er boys delighted in teasing the little three r old granddaughter. Once when they were ng to catch her, she rushed to her granddad ting: 'Take my hand, Granddad! I'm red!'

course it's a homey little incident and I pose the reason it comes to mind now is t all of us today share much the same ling. We're scared! News in the papers t on TV throws a chill into us. We are in midst of all kinds of problems and agers-financial ones-the apparent loss of

former sense of values—family troubles and disruptions. All of these—plus the haunting feeling of personal insecurity and fear of the unknown, panic us until, we, too, feel like pleading 'Take my hand, God! I'm scared!'

What a comfort it is to know there is a haven for us—a security—not just for the good people—not for just those who bear the name of Christians—but for anyone who will avail himself of it. The haven—the hand we're reaching for is God's promise made to Israel many years ago, but just as sincere, reliable, and dependable today. It is found in Isaiah 41:10, and it reads:

'Fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

More Thank You's... Dear Friends,

What an honor and a privilege it is for me to send this letter to you announcing that you have earned a place among our Gift Circle members because of your generous giving to the ministries of the Mission during 1999. Your giving places you in the very select company of people, churches, foundations an corporations who have cared in an extraordinary way for the needs of homeless men, women and children.

We have three Gift Circles at the Mission which signify exceptional level of giving.

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The comforter's Circle is for those who give from \$250-499 during a year. The Discipler's Circle is joined through a gift of \$500-999. The Good Samaritan's Circle reflects giving at the \$1,000 level and up.

As many of you know, we treat your giving as if you were giving to your church or religious organization rather than to a public fund drive. We believe you give from the noblest of motivations; to help those who are more needy and hurting than most of us can imagine. We understand from you knowing you have helped those men, women and children in a significant way is all the thanks you need.

However, please accept this small recognition as a symbol of the life you have made possible for people you will probably never know-but who will be forever changed because of you. We hope you will display it to inspire others to care.

Forgive me for asking but I must: our Bargains Galore Thrift Store has the lowest stock of furniture, appliances and bedding since I have come to the Mission. We use donations of these items to equip our residents, mostly women and children, who leave for their own housing. We make available the rest for a low income people in the community so they may live decently at a very small price. Would you please remember us when you do your Spring cleaning or buy new furniture? You can schedule a pick-up by calling 456-9200.

Thank you for being part of our family of care givers!

Pastor Dave Humphreys FW Rescue Mission Ministries



Dear Rev. Allen.

On behalf of the Conference on Ministry with the Aging planning committee. I am writing to thank the First Christian Church for its sponsorship gift of \$100 benefitting this 2000 event. We have listed First Christian Church on the front of our registration brochures. We also have listed the Northern Lights Area (for the sponsorship gift of \$300).

This year's Conference on Ministry with the Aging will be held Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne. The 2000 primary speaker will be Martha E. "Marty" Richards, M.S.W., A.C.S.W from Seattle, Washington, who is the immediate past chair of the American Society on Aging's Forum on Religion, Spirituality and Aging. Marty will concentrate many of her remarks on the importance of inter-generational ministry. In addition to Marty, presenters from Indiana who have expertise with older adult-related issues will be with us.

ase encourage both clergy and laity in your all church and the Northern Lights Area to end this year's event.

ank you for helping to keep conference fees ordable this year. Without sponsorships like ars, we would have to pass on greater expenses our registrants, which might prohibit some m attending. Yours is a thoughtful, loving gift those ministering to and with older adults! anks again –

Wendy J. Shuler rector, Church & Community Relations, ptist Homes & Staff Support, onference on Ministry with the Aging



Internet and FCC

Help us keep our web page up and running. Send messages to Estel at Estel@Vandergriff.com.

Ministry Team leaders may send all information through the offices at nnallen@fwi.com. We are now better equipped to keep our web site current.

Check out meeting times at FWFCC.ORG. (Please note correction from phone directory listing).

Tell your friends about "At the Feeder," updates and schedule of events at FCC.

Many Thanks!

Neil



A Dramatic Presentation of the Passion of Christ April 19, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

SERVING SUNDAY March 26, 2000 -Third Sunday of Lent

> YOUTH SUNDAY

LAY WORSHIP:

Linda Stover

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Judy Church, Greg Baitz, Donna Heimann, Betty Grimm, Marlo Quick, Linda Stover SERVING SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2000 -Fourth Sunday of Lent ELDERS 8:15 am

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10:45 am

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Memory of
Ruth Truesdell
Ilene Blauvelt
and
Janet Weicker

the Feeder Again . . .

San Diego Zoo is a marvelous place.
a and I found a cheaper route home from
gon through Southern California and
ped to tour. The Zoo is very compact
multiple habitats compressed into a
ll acreage, without an inch being wasted.
park flows from African Storks to
theast Asian wildlife with such grace, it's
tzing.

OH, the
ENDOROUS!....BEAUTIFUL....WOND
FUL....SPLENDOROUS!!!!

Ise places are a case study in cooperation.

Ise environments are complex, yet

Izingly wonderful. Somehow the bird

I d has managed to bridge the multi-color

barrier without as much as a pin-feather out of place.

In the "humming-bird" aviary - which contains only 2 hummers and lots of small birds, the tiny habitat is a study in cooperation. Somehow these overactive stunt fliers have managed to agree on nesting sites, share limited food supplies and....well....whatever!

When loud humans stumble through the revolving door, the micro-habitat explodes with warnings. The entire community rallies together to protect the nest to the last feather! One protective hummer looked me up and down before going back to its perch to preen.

Oh, I long for a world where people learn diversity and cease territorial wars, where people pull together for the cause of all. I hold fast to the gospel because I read God's plan for the world. I pray and work and long for the earth to be recreated in the images God had in mind. Oh, just to share our nesting areas as well as those tiny, brightly, and differently colored birds! Do you think it's possible?

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Feeding on the Love of Christ,

Neil

"The whole wold groans in travail, awaiting the adoption of the sons and daughters of God."



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Learn how to spak with God through new and an cienforms of prayer.

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August 20

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3 Sanctuary. Each flower will cost \$10.
5 be sure and pick-up your ordering
6 ope and fill out the information for the
8 ation that you wish to have.

are unable to attend worship services, rould like to dedicate Easter flowers, se contact the church office ASAP. Or payment and dedication information to Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 14.

Great Grandma

Delores Keebortz is a first time Great Grandma to Master Benjamin Lucas Aruzza, who was born on Tuesday, March 28. His dad, John Phillip and mom Kimberly and great grandma are all doing great as is Benjamin.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and is 21" long and has long black hair.

Welcome little one!!!!!

Are you in need of a boost from your weekly routine?

Ever thought that others around you may be in the need of the very same boost? Looking at possibilities of starting a 6 week interactive experience centered around "Random Acts of Kindness. If you are interested in receiving more information, please call church office (744-3239). You will be notified in two weeks when Random Acts will begin.

Random Acts

R - resourceful

A - angelic

N - neighbors

D - doing

O - open-hearted

M - ministries



A - active,

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S - serving

Visitors

March 26 April 2



Jennifer Howell and Grandson
Nick Hoffman
Everett & Faye Wilson (Markle)
and Garland Wilson
Jonturius Hood
Mark & Julia Myers and Ryan
Anne Ioisie (Madisen, MS)
Mother of Anne Moll
Dave and Janet Green and Ross
Deidre Parker and Sons
Dick & Erma Vanderwall
Josie Quick - Home form College
Dan Moll (Belleville, MI)
JoAnne Bigg
Tom York

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

Ministry Team Meetings

April 10 - Holy Word Studios VBS Location Leaders and Helpers Meeting- 7 pm

April 11 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

April 18 - Property - 7 pm

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April 24 - P.R.C. - 7 pm

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What's Happening Now

Summer Worship Hours Task Force

The Task Force is making a recommendation to the board for summer worship hours change. This would be in effect from the Sunday before Memorial Day through the Sunday before Labor Day. The hour of Worship/Sunday School would be 9:30 am - 10:45 am. There would also be a Bible study for adults from 8:30 to 9:15 am.

If anyone would like to comment on this before the board meeting, please feel free to call anyone on the Task Force.

Betty Grimm	456-7808
Jessie Fern Woodward	745-7475
Teresa Hatten	447-2649
Dick Mey	493-3993
Ray Stover	745-0252
Sue Brey	447-3540
Roger Moll	482-7519
Eunice Conrad	744-9519

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itual Journey
Inesday, March 8th, began "The Spiritual ney" and will continue on each Inesday, until Easter.



Looking Ahead

il 10 - Genetics, Reproduction & Christian cs Seminar - Christian Theological inary. For reservations and more rmation call 317/931-2340

il 11 - Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm

il 11 - Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

il 12 - Spiritual Journey continues - 30 pm

ril 15 - Sacrificial Meal for ndidates, Mentors and Parents ım - 12:30 pm April 15 - Candidates, Mentors and Parents meet with Pastor Allen - 12:30 - 2 pm.

April 16 - Palm Sunday - Paramount Brass both worship services.

April 16 - Confession of Faith given by candidates - 10:45 am worship service

April 18 - A Baby Closet Meeting & Open house. Trinity United Methodist Church 609 Putnam St. Please RSVP to Ellen Graham at 422-3528.



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24 HOUR PRAYER MINISTRY

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April 23 - Prayer Vigil ends at 6 am.

April 23 - Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Services 6:30 am Grace St. John's Church

Regular worship services at 8:15 and 10:45 am at FCC with Easter Cantata at both services.

April 23 - Candidates for Baptism and Membership - 10:45 am worship service.

May 4 - National Day of Prayer "Pray2k-America's Hope for the New
Millennium". Please see special article this
issue of Tidings.

May 5 - Church Women United's May Friendship Day Celebration - 9 am at FCC. Registration is \$2.50. All women are invited to participate. Also, people are needed to help prepare and serve breakfast that morning. Please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 if you plan to attend or if you would like to help with breakfast.

May 13 - FCC Rummage Sale - See article this Tidings for important information.

May 18 - 19 - Conference on Ministry with the Aging VIII "From Generation to Generation". Don Hall's Guest House Ft Wayne. For details contact FCC office.

May 20 - All you care to eat Fish Dinner featuring Ed Fox! Adults \$6; Children (6-8) \$4; Children 5 and under free. Tickets available thru FCC church office in April.

May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministr Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239.

June 16 - 17 - Couples Retreat. See article this Tiding for additional information.

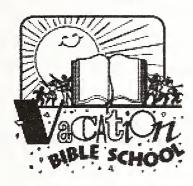


Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

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2 19-21 - Heritage Tour to Bethany, VA. review meeting will be held in March. ervations due by April 24th cost will be oximately \$180 per person. Watch future ngs for dates and more information or call th Christian Church 482-1596.

24 - July 29 - Taylor University Summer ors College. Five Week program; 5-6 rs college credit; FREE TUITION! (\$625) n and board fee plus books). For more rmation contact N. Adam Carrigan at /456-2111.



e 26 - 29 Vacation Bible School at FCC. nething for everyone - all ages. Bring a nd, have your children or grandchildren ng a friend or better yet more than one nd!

v 10-24 - Youth Mission Trip to Honduras. insored by Christian Church (DOC) in iana. If you are interested you must have npleted grades 9-11 by June of 2000. The t is \$1,475 and includes transportation, m and board. For additional information Jim Hollis 317/291-7871 (Office) or 1/241-8870 (Home)

November 10-12, 2000 - CYF Assembly Holidom in Columbus, IN. More information in upcoming Tidings.











DID YOU KNOW????

.... That you are invited on Sunday April 9th, to a very special coffee and fellowship time at FCC. It is to help Bill and Joan Franklin celebrate their 50th. wedding anniversary (April 8th). Stop by and enjoy the refreshments, the fellowship and especially the pictures. Also be sure and ask them how they got hooked into a surprise anniversary party.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

It is almost time for the Easter Bunny Breakfast - Saturday, April 22^{sd}. We are ready for your individually wrapped candy donations. If you would like to donate candy for the children, please bring candy to the FCC office by Thursday, April 20th. (The FCC office will be closed on Good Friday the 21*)





SpringVIEW

It is time for SpringVIEW 2000 - for all Indiana Women.

The dates have been decided, the places have been set. If you are interested in attending please contact FCC office for dates, times and a registration form and information.

Lent 2000

Associated Churches Food Bank System's Lenten Goal for 2000 is to collect 4,000 pounds of canned fish by Easter Sunday, April 23.

Most needed items are cans of tuna, mackerel and salmon.

Remember the story of the miracle told in John 6: 1-14. The young lad's simple sacrifice of two fish and five small loaves of bread fed more than 5,000 people, and still there was food left over! So it is with our cans of fish and boxes of crackers. The little that each of us gives can feed so many hungry people in Ft. Wayne!

Your donations may be brought to the FCC office during regular business hours. We will in turn get it to the Food Bank.

Summer Staff

There are summer positions available at Barbee Camp.

<u>Lifeguard</u> - Needed for full summer (June 12-August 12). Must be 18 years old or older and certified in lifesaving and CPR.

First Aider or Nurse - Needed for full summer (June 12-August 12). Must be 21 years old or older and certified in Health and Safety/CPR or RN of C.N.A. Contact Sharon Gillen 219/834-4190 if you are interested or require more information.

Prayer Opportunity

Elders have begun to meet for an hour of prayer on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the parlor. The invitation to join in prayer with them is open to all.

Adventure Club/Project Reads

Children and Mentors are meeting again on Thursday afternoons after school 3:45 - 5 pm.

Adult Bell Choir

Adult bell choir Thursday evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We Need You!!!



Adult Choir meets Thursdays

e is always looking for new voices. e join us on Thursdays.



mmer Camp

mp dates are now available for Barbee ristian Camp and Bedford Christian Camp.

ese dates will be posted in up coming dings, but you can receive advance formation by contacting the FCC office at 4-3239. CAMP COUNSELORS ARE EEDED. If you are interested in becoming a unselor, please contact FCC office. vo New Summer Camps for 2000 ... me 12-15 - Barbee Christian Camp eadership Camp

eadership training opportunities for young lults interested in counseling in Christian amp and Outdoor Ministries. This camp is esigned for counselor Assistants (ages 16-7) and Counselors in Training (ages 18-20) receive training and skill building in their ple in the summer camping program.

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(Cost is \$25) Contact FCC office if you would like more information.

AND

... for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. (Cost is \$160) Complete information available at FCC office in Fr Wayne.



You Are Invited!

RSVP -- "Yes!"

An invitation is great to get - - a thing to celebrate. It means somebody is going to prepare for your arrival and welcome you when you come.

During Holy Week and Eastertide, many things are prepared for us at our church - -ot place of worship (and not just by human hands). Shout "Yes, I'll be there!" And invite others.

Our great Lord, the Host, waits to welcome us. We remember his passion and then the glory of Easter. The music that day - - a cantata "Amazing Love" will help us all Page 9

rejoice in the Good News Jesus brings us. Be invited and invite!!

A message from the Evangelism Ministry Team

Couples Retreat

Need a Get-Away???

How about a couples retreat that's not just for couples? Join us for a weekend of relaxation and fun while learning a little bit about ourselves and our relationships with others. This retreat is not only open to couples but also for any two adults who happen to live under the same roof!

Dr. Sam Dhanraj will be speaking to us about Communication and Balancing Work and Family. He has made it clear that it does not matter if your are a couple, a mother/daughter, friends who live together, or enemies who live together. As long as you want to learn more about better communication in your relationship and balancing work and family, this retreat is for you!!!

The Geneva Center, located near Rochester, IN will be the site of our retreat. This secluded center will provide us with overnight accommodations as well as meals and extracurricular activities. (They even have a garden labyrinth to explore!)

We will also be offering an optional 2 hour canoe trip down a calm river on Saturday afternoon for those who are interested.

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The registration fee of \$130.00 includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, lunch, and snacks for two. The canoe trip is optional for an additional cost of \$18.00

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15, 2000.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, fun and enlightenment! Call Diane Bohlen, Nora Allen or church office for more details.

Camp Barbee

June 13-15 Aug 7-9	\$ 70
July 3-8 July 31 - Aug 5	\$160
June 19-24 8) July 24-29	\$160
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PRING IS SPRUNG HE GRASS IS RIZ WONDER WHERE HE RUMMAGE IS ?????

ou may not like the poetry above, but the uestion is timely. In the season commonly nown as spring, we can find rummage in our tics, closets, basements, garages, cupboards, unks of cars, bookshelves, stereo cabinets, omputer hutches, under the sink, on the wall, a the living room, in the family room, etc. he possibilities are endless and NOW is the me to start looking. The FCC Rummage ale is MAY 13, 2000!!!!!

Mark it on your calendar and start earching.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING
RUMMAGE ITEMS TO CHURCH
UNTIL AFTER EASTER.
More

If you have items that are to large for your car, contact Charlie Hatten and he will make arrangements to move these large items for you. Also if you have items that you would like Charlie to store until the Rummage Sale give him a call. (447-2649)

Retreats

The Paraclete Retreat Center, located in Pittsboro, IN, has several retreats planned over the next 4 months.

Clergy Can Renew - April 27-28 Home Improvement - May 6-7 Home Improvement - June 24-25 Spiritual Guidance - July 15.

For additional information please contact FCC office or call 317/892-5191.



Global Ministries

Issues in Christian Ethics
Salvador "Buddy" Martinez is an
International Associate teaching at McGilvar
Faculty of Theology at Payap University in
Chiang Mai, Thailand. During the hot seasor
(March, April and May) he works on the

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annual convocation for the Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia. In January 2000, the convocation dealt with :"Doing Asian Theology in the New Millennium." He also writes of addressing similar themes as he tries to help his students understand their faith in the context of their culture.

"I taught a new course, a critical analysis of Asian theology. For most of my students, thinking of theology in the Asian context is a new experience, a 'shaking of the foundations' of their Christian faith. Together, we tried to understand the Christian message amidst the massive poverty and dominance of other religious traditions and culture in the region. In another course, we looked into some issues in Christian ethics and sought to find answers to the moral dilemmas confronting the Thai people today. HIV-AIDS continues to be a problem in Thailand. But the new economic situation in Thailand has brought new problems. For instance, more and more high school and college students are going into the sex industry. Some do it to support their education, but many do it to support an expensive lifestyle. There is an urgent call for schools and universities to focus on morality and social responsibility and not just on academics."



Little Things Mean a Lot

Church Women United is once again collecting Gifts of the Heart Kits for Church World Service. Little things mean a lot. Whatever the destination and situation, your love and care in assembling all varieties of Gift of the Heart Kits make their journey possible, beginning to end!

The journey begins! In classrooms and church halls, dining rooms, and around kitchen tables, every Church World Service Gift of the Heart Kit begins with loving hands collecting and assembling the new components exclusive to each purposefully designed Kit. The content of each of these recovery Kits are such simple, small things - a new pencil, tablet, washcloth, tube of toothpaste, a scrub brush - but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes.

The journeys end! Maybe it's Honduras or Nicaragua, where health Kits and Baby Kits were a vital part of the recovery effort following the devastation of Hurricane Mitch.

Or Kosovo, where families faced an uncertain future and a harsh winter as civil war raged. Maybe the final destination is Tucumcai, New Mexico, where the eager minds and hands of homeless children welcomed School Kits to start the school year. Or Belle Valley, Ohio, where 175 families displaced by floods were assisted with Health and Clean-up Kits.

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need for Gift of the Heart Kits is great.
can never have too many of these
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an-Up Kit aree to 5 gallon bucket filled with: sponges ox plastic garbage bags (30 gal. size)

ire brush rub brush an powdered cleaner 2 pairs rubber gloves

Include only the items listed and pack one kit per box. Seal the box with packing tape. Clearly mark the outside of each box "CWS Gift of the Heart Clean-up Kit"

Processing/Shipping: \$3 You can also provide a Clean up Kit by donating \$20/kit

School Kit

1 pair blunt scissors Pads or notebook of ruled paper approximately 8-1/2 x 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper.

- 1 30 centimeter (12") ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 12 sheets colored construction paper
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 cloth bag, approximately 12" x 14", with cloth handles

Pack these items in the cloth bag, fold the top over and secure with two large rubber bands.

Processing/Shipping: \$1

You can also provide School Kits by donating \$11/kit

Health Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb
- 1 metal nail file
- 1 bar soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste (4-7 oz)
- 6 band aids

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Bundle all items into the towel and tie it with a ribbon or yarn.

Processing/Shipping: \$1

You can also provide Health Kits by donating \$12/kit.

Wrap your love and prayers in every Gift of the Heart Kit you put together. But, please, include only the items listed. Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits. The contents of the Kits are carefully planned to make them as usable as possible, in any situation., wherever and whenever they are sent. And please do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. It costs Church World Service from \$1-\$3 to process and ship each Gift of the Heart Kits. Please be sure to send your special gift for processing and shipping for all your donated Kits. It helps assure they will arrive safely at their future destinations.



Holy Week

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Both Worship Services

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FCC regular Worship Services 8:15 and 10:45 am

Cantata Both Services!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

The family of Ruth Truesdell - a member since 1990 The family of Ilene Blauvelt - a member since 1999 The family of Janet Weicker - a member since 1945

olyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

hlyn Banet

ly Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

ssell & Freda Current- Friends of Rosie Krull

ba Fusselman

ette Grier

ry King - Tests on Tuesday, April 4. (Chest pains)

nna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

ty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

arles Ludwig - Has not had to have a blood transfusion for three weeks. Has been on a regular 2 week schedule.

na Marshall - Friend of Judy Mey

arlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

la Miller

lma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home.

rold Nordblom -At Home

h Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

ny, Barb Justin Rumpel

Ibur & Doris Snook

uce Stone at home in Florida.

na Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

e Wilbanks

ittany York - 6 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - She has Leukemia but is some better

SERVING - SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2000

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Teresa Hatten

10:45 am

Charlie Hatten, Jean McGrew

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Betty Grimm,

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle

10:45 am

David Brooks, Diane Bohlen, Holly Mathis, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sue Allen,

Nora Allen, Linda Deck

LAY WORSHIP

(Second Service)
George Davis

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Second Service) Neil Allen

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John Ohneck, Marilyn McDougle, Anne Moll, Roger Moll Becca Widmer, Orie McDougle

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Palm Sunday

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8:15 am

Marlo Quick, Barb Hayes

10:45 am

Larry Brey, Judy Church

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Betty Grimm, David Brooks, Christi Deck

10:45 am

Estel Vandergriff, Evelyn Yeoman, Kristian Scott, Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Sue Brickley, Katie Moll, Sue Brey

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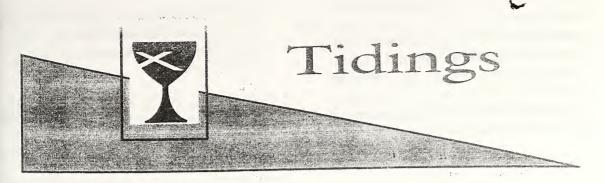
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In Memory of Harold Nordblom

At the Feeder Again . . .

The quiet pair waddles across Tim's yard on their way to the feeder. They are the first Mallards (that's ducks to you novices out there) I've ever had at the feeder. The male is the brave one out front. The female is always two steps behind. So much for women's rights. Every morning they come to find my pile of corn. I suspect they are nesting close by. Mallards are creatures of habit. We had several pair we raised during my childhood. I've studied them for years. I love Mallards.

My wild pair waddles awkwardly up to the reder each day in a sacred and silent march. They appear unsuited to change, so I try to ceep their ritual a pleasureful and rewarding experience. I put their feed out so as not to listurb their timed ritual. I hope they bring heir ducklings this spring, but as slowly as hey waddle, they could be retired...in that case I'll be looking for the grandkids. I love o watch my new friends.

Hope the new summer feeding hours won't be too much of an inconvenience to them. I have to work on my other responsibilities - mowing and raking and such....so I'll have to change my timing on their feeding a bit.

I wonder if they wouldn't mind feeding with the sparrows this summer? The sparrows are not quite so reverent. Sparrow have a more contemporary lifestyle. Sparrows chatter and gather in larger flocks - praising God I suspect....and they like different food....well...I could feed them cracked corn. Sparrows like cracked corn...Ducks like whole corn...but they'll eat cracked corn too....so, that's it....I've got a plan...I'll mix the two together...I sure want to accommodate all my feeder friends.

If you need me, I'll be at the feeder feeding my variety of friends on the Love of Christ, and trying to work out a compromise.

Neil

P.S. New summer hours - Worship/Christian Education - 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. (One summer worship experience beginning Memorial Sunday and going through Labor day weekend.)

P. S. S. "Finally [my friends], farewell, Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. All the saints greet you....The grace of the Lord Jesus Chris and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)



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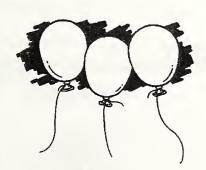
THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Joan and I are so grateful for the outpouring of love that we experienced last Sunday!

Your hugs, and laughter at our family photos filled us with such joy. (No one can say that Bill didn't have a fine head of hair so long ago!) We love each and everyone of you so much. For those who couldn't make it - and the many who did - we have received so many wonderful cards. You are all living examples of God's love. We treasure all of you.

In Christ's Love, Bill and Joan Franklin

P.S. A very special thanks to Sue Allen and Jill Hine for setting up and the cleaning up after our party.



Dear Friends at FCC

Your thoughtful expression of sympathy ha been a great comfort during this time of sorrow.

Thank you so much for the gift to the Foundation in memory of my father. We deeply appreciate it.

Love, Dick Hamm

Dear Friends

We are all blessed to have a great CHURCI FAMILY.

Thanks for visits and cards during my one week stay in the hospital.

Mary Crouse

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Always put yourself in another's shoes.

If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, to

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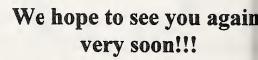
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April 9 and 16

Karen Scott Debi White Barry and Nina Nordblom Dick and Barb Johnson Freida Current Dick and Erma Vanderwall Nick Hoffman Ruben Silva Peggy Farlow Bob Struckholtz Mrs Lopez and Estel Maria Gabriel and Danny Lopez Michelle Nagel Mark and Julia Myers Ryan Myers J. Halter Barb Richardson Jamie Richardson Garland Wilson Alice Hoffman Annetta Mains





Then you were born,
ou were crying and everyone around
ou was smiling.
ive your life so that when you die,
ou are the one who is smiling and
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April 23 - Easter Sunday: Sunrise Services 6:30 am Grace St. John's Church



NOTICE!!!!

An Easter Breakfast is going to be held at FCC at 9:15 am on between FCC's regular worship services. Come to the service of your choice and have breakfast with our choir either before or after you worship at 8:15 or 10:45 am. <u>The Easter Cantata will be sung</u> for both services.



April 23 - Candidates for Baptism and Membership - 10:45 am worship service

May 2 - Election Day! Don't forget to Vote! Election Board - Fellowship Hall 6 am - 7pm.

May 2 - **NOTICE!!** D.M.A. has been changed to the *THIRD* Tuesday (May 16) for their visit to the Barr Street Café. For reservations and additional information call church office. *Please contact Jessie Fern Woodward regarding meal choice. Meal choice must be turned in by May* 9th.

May 4 - National Day of Prayer "Pray2k-America's Hope for the New
Millennium". Please see special article this
issue of Tidings.

May 5 - Church Women United's May Friendship Day Celebration - 9 am at FCC. Registration is \$2.50. All women are invited to participate. Also, people are needed to help prepare and serve breakfast that morning. Please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 if you plan to attend or if you would like to help with breakfast.

May 6 - mom's on missions - with Becca Widmer - 9 am to 4:30 pm

May 6 - So. Wayne Baptist Church 2920 Indiana Avenue - fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Information available in FCC office. Sponsored by Festival Choir & Bells.

May 7 - Recital - Sara Davis 1-5 pm. Sanctuary and Parlor.

May 7 - Pulpit Exchange - Todd Lamkin, husband of our organist Jenny will be our speaker.

May 8 - 12 <u>Rummage Sale</u> Set up all day each day. See article under "Did You Know" concerning rummage sale.

ay 12 - Charity Softball Game - Softball me 6 pm - Wizards 7pm - Proceeds from ket sales to help support the jail ministries. r information contact FCC office. MILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT.

ay 13 - FCC Rummage Sale - See ticle this Tidings for important formation.

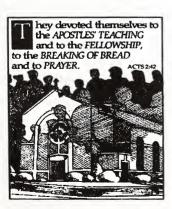
ay 13 - Postal Food Collection for sociated Churches Food Banks. Volunteers all ages are needed to help sort and pack ms that will be collected on the 13th, please ntact 422-3528. THEY NEED YOU!

ay 14 - Mother's Day.

ay 14 - Our summer Interim Pastor - Tim ters arrives. Lets make him Welcome!!

ay 17 - T.W.W. - 6-7:30 pm

ay 18 - 19 - Conference on Ministry with Aging VIII "From Generation to neration". Don Hall's Guest House - Wayne. For details contact FCC office.



May 20 - All you care to eat Fish & Tenderloin Dinner featuring Ed Fox (4-7 pm! Adults \$6; Children (6-8) \$4; Children 5 and under free. Tickets available for purchasing and selling. Contact Sally Rudy or FCC church office. DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY FCC FOLKS, SO PLEASE PLAN NOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO FURNISH. WE WILL NEED LOTS OF GOODIES!!

Let's make this fund raiser for FCC a HUGE SUCCESS!!! Call for your tickets today.



May 21 - Teacher Recognition Sunday - 10:45 am worship service.

May 21 - CCF Family Picnic - 12 Noon

May 21 - Community Choir performing at FCC 4 pm. More information on this celebration of music upcoming.



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May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministry Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239.

May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY - FCC Office Closed.

June 16 - 17 - Couples Retreat. See article this Tiding for additional information.

June 19-21 - Heritage Tour to Bethany, VA. A preview meeting will be held in March. Reservations due by April 24th cost will be approximately \$180 per person. Watch future Tidings for dates and more information or call North Christian Church 482-1596.

June 24 - July 29 - Taylor University Summer Honors College. Five Week program; 5-6 hours college credit; FREE TUITION! (\$625 room and board fee plus books). For more information contact N. Adam Carrigan at 219/456-2111.



June 26 - 29 Vacation Bible School at FCC. Something for everyone - all ages. Bring a friend, have your children or grandchildren bring a friend or better yet more than one friend!

July 10-24 - Youth Mission Trip to Honduras. Sponsored by Christian Church (DOC) in Indiana. If you are interested you must have completed grades 9-11 by June of 2000. The cost is \$1,475 and includes transportation, room and board. For additional information call Jim Hollis 317/291-7871 (Office) or 317/241-8870 (Home)

November 10-12, 2000 - CYF Assembly Holidome in Columbus, IN. More information in upcoming Tidings.











DID YOU KNOW????

Easter Bunny Breakfast

It is time for the Easter Bunny Breakfast - Saturday, April 22nd. Bring your children, neighbor children, grandchildren and have breakfast and let them enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt.

Rummage Sale

We need your help! Please watch for the sign-up poster in Fellowship Hall for helpers for the upcoming Rummage Sale. We will begin getting things ready on Monday, May 8th and will need help all week with set-up, sorting, pricing. Helpers will also be needed on the 13th to keep things straightened up and after the sale for clean-up. Please use the poster to sign-up or you may call church office to let us know which day(s) you will be able to help.

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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

The family of Harold Nordblom. Harold has been a member at FCC since 1948.

rolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips hthlyn Banet hdy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home hssell & Freda Current- Friends of Rosie Krull

ba Fusselman nette Grier

ary King - Tests on Tuesday, April 4. (Chest pains)

onna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

etty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

arles Ludwig - Parkview ICU Room 1218-1

ma Marshall - Friend of Judy Mey

arlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

la Miller

ilma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home.

rold Nordblom -At Home

sh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

ny, Barb Justin Rumpel

ilbur & Doris Snook

n Spillers - Emphysema

uce Stone at home in Florida.

na Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

e Wilbanks

ittany York - 6 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - She has Leukemia but is some better.

CONFESSION OF FAITH GIVEN BY CANDIDATES

On Palm Sunday, April 16, 2000, the Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class celebrated Confession of Faith at the 10:45 worship service.

The Mentors introduced the Candidates. Then the Candidates read their statements to our congregation. Below is a complete list of the candidates and their mentors.

CANDIDATES	MENTORS
Melissa Brey	Nora Allen
Jenica Wilson	Marlene Crouse
Nick Whitworth	Sam Hayes

Those of us who are participating in this program wanted to reach out and share this experience with each member of our church family.

MENTOR - Nora Allen

Melissa Brey is a young woman with a zest for life. She is fond of the out doors and loves sports, especially baseball (Not softball!) and can hold her own with the very best! Though Melissa did not state a specific experience or person leading her to Christ, my feeling is that her upbringing in a loving Christian home and church has influenced her dramatically. May the blessings of Christ's peace carry you, Melissa, through all of your days.

CANDIDATE - Melissa Brey

My experience working with the "Walk to Bethlehem" has helped me to decide to follow Jesus. I know Jesus died for my sins, so I can depend on him to give me strength to face the world. I have the rest of my life to experience the love of Jesus and knowing that Jesus will always be there for me.

NTOR - Marlene Crouse

ca Wilson is in the 6th grade at New Haven Middle School. She likes to read and dance.

ca brings to the community of faith a desire to learn more about the Bible, an openness to it's spirit, and a caring attitude toward people and all of God's operation. I look forward to ng her mature in her faith and service to God.

<u>NDIDATE - Jenica Wilson</u>

choosing to follow Jesus because I know he will lead me to a better life. I know this by lying the Bible. My Mentor, Marlene, has also inspired me to do this.

NTOR - Sam Hayes

a pleasure to introduce Nick Whitworth. Nick is a 5th grader at Holland elementary School. k brings to this congregation a kind heart, many talents, a great sense of humor, and a mitment to God. Nick likes computers, fishing, and is a member of our Junior Bells. I have yed sharing our time together. As a young disciple, may he continue to grow in God's love.

NDIDATE - Nick Whitworth

ve decided to follow Jesus Christ because I would like to live closely with God and to live with 's help and grace. I would like to thank everyone for letting me participate in the "Walk to tlehem" because I like helping the church in return for giving free services and programs.

E GREAT COMMITMENT

It a sublime moment it is when we stand to confess with all our heart, that Jesus is the Christ le living God, and commit our all to him as Lord and personal savior., in the light of God's lite love as revealed in the life and death of our Lord, the confession becomes a love - binding mitment lasting to the end of our lives. Surely at such a moment heaven stops to listen, the lis above break into singing, and God in Christ binds us to his heart with an everlasting love.

Candidates will be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000 at the 10:45 am worship service.

ALL ABOUT CHOCOLATE

- 1. If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you are eating it too slowly.
- 2. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want!
- 3. Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It will take the edge off your appetite, and you will eat less.
- 4. If you cannot eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you cannot eat all your chocolate, it may be a sign of a deeper problem.
- 5. Store your chocolate on top of the refrigerator. Calories are afraid of heights and will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.
- 6. Equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate made a balanced diet.
- 7. The preservatives in chocolate will make you look younger.
- 8. If not for chocolate, there would be no need for control-top pantyhose, and an entire garment industry would be out of business.
- 9. A nice box of chocolates provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now isn't that handy??
- 10. Put "EAT CHOCOLATE" at the top of your list of things to do. That way, at least you will get one thing done.
- 11. QUESTION Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? ANSWER Because no one wants to quit!
- 12. PROBLEM How do you get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car? SOLUTION Eat it in the parking lot!

Opportunity etary/Assistant

Emily Flinn Community is seeking eone (male or female) to fill this position. ou or someone you know would be rested, contact FCC office for details of requirements.



mer Staff

re are summer positions available at pee Camp.

guard - Needed for full summer (June 12ust 12). Must be 18 years old or older certified in lifesaving and CPR.

t <u>Aider or Nurse</u> - Needed for full summer e 12-August 12). Must be 21 years old or r and certified in Health and Safety/CPR N of C.N.A. Contact Sharon Gillen 834-4190 if you are interested or require e information.

ver Opportunity

ers have begun to meet for an hour of ver on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the parlor. invitation to join in prayer with them is

to All who

ı to all.

Adventure Club/Project Reads
Resumes on Thursday, April 27th. 3:45-5 pm

Adult Bell Choir

Adult bell choir Thursday evenings 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We Need You!!!

Our Adult Choir meets

Thursdays 7 pm.

Janice is always looking for new voices. Come join us on Thursdays.

Summer Camp

Camp dates are now available for Barbee Christian Camp and Bedford Christian Cam

These dates will be posted in up coming Tidings, but you can receive advance information by contacting the FCC office at 744-3239. CAMP COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED. If you are interested in becoming counselor, please contact FCC office.

Two New Summer Camps for 2000 ...

June 12-15 - Barbee Christian Camp - Leadership Camp

Leadership training opportunities for young adults interested in counseling in Christian camp and Outdoor Ministries. This camp is designed for counselor Assistants (ages 16-17) and Counselors in Training (ages 18-20) to receive training and skill building in their role in the summer camping program. (Cost is \$25) Contact FCC office if you would like more information.

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AND

••• for High School Students entering grades 9-12. W.A.D.E. Camp (Worship, Arts and Discipleship for Explores). June 19-24 at FCC South Bend. (Cost is \$160) Complete information available at FCC office in Ft Wayne.

Couples Retreat

Need a Get-Away???

How about a couples retreat that's not just for couples? Join us for a weekend of relaxation and fun while learning a little bit about ourselves and our relationships with others. This retreat is not only open to couples but also for any two adults who happen to live under the same roof!

Dr. Sam Dhanraj will be speaking to us about Communication and Balancing Work and Family. He has made it clear that it does not matter if your are a couple, a mother/daughter, friends who live together, or enemies who live together. As long as you want to learn more about better communication in your relationship and balancing work and family, this retreat is for you!!!

The Geneva Center, located near Rochester, IN will be the site of our retreat. This secluded center will provide us with overnight accommodations as well as meals and extracurricular activities. (They even have a garden labyrinth to explore!)

We will also be offering an optional 2 hour canoe trip down a calm river on Saturday afternoon for those who are interested.

The registration fee of \$130.00 includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, lunch, and snacks for two. The canoe trip is options for an additional cost of \$18.00

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, fun and enlightenment! Call Diane Bohlen, Nora Allen or church office for more details.

Camp Barbee

New Beginnings Completed grades 2,3)	June 13-15 Aug 7-9	\$ 70
Young Disciples (Completed grades 4,5)	July 3-8 July 31 - Aug 5	\$160
Chi Rho Camp (Completed grades 6,7,8	June 19-24 B) July 24-29	\$160
CYF Conference (Completed grades 9-12	June 26- July 1 July 17-22	\$160
Building Bridges (Ages 12-14)	July 10-15	\$ 55
M.A.D. (Chi Rho)	Aug 9-12	\$ 11
Family Group (Varying Fees/All Ages)	Sept. 1-4)	

Registration forms available FCC office.

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UNG IS SPRUNG THE GRASS IS RIZ I WONDER WHERE THE RUMMAGE IS ?????

may not like the poetry above, but the tion is timely. In the season commonly wn as spring, we can find rummage in our s, closets, basements, garages, cupboards, ks of cars, bookshelves, stereo cabinets, puter hutches, under the sink, on the wall, e living room, in the family room, etc. possibilities are endless and NOW is the to start looking. The FCC Rummage is MAY 13, 2000!!!!!

rk it on your calendar and start rching.

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PLEASE DO NOT BRING RUMMAGE ITEMS TO CHURCH UNTIL AFTER EASTER.

If you have items that are to large for your car, contact Charlie Hatten and he will make arrangements to move these large items for you. Also if you have items that you would like Charlie to store until the Rummage Sale give him a call. (447-2649)

Retreats

The Paraclete Retreat Center, located in Pittsboro, IN, has several retreats planned over the next 4 months.

Home Improvement - May 6-7 Home Improvement - June 24-25 Spiritual Guidance - July 15.

For additional information please contact FCC office or call 317/892-5191.



Easter Offering

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

When you give in this joyous Easter season to your church's Easter Special Day Offering, your gift supports the ministries of 35 regions, 11 general units, and 22 Disciples -related higher education institutions.

Your Easter gift to Basic Mission Finance helps create a living witness to Christ nearby and around the world through ministries that include

- ~Helping congregations learn new ways of doing evangelism and service.
- ~Your region's Christian Women's Fellowship Program
- ~The work of more than 200 missionaries in 85 countries around the world.
- ~The work of the Council on Christian Unity, helping us to live into the vision in which we were created.

Give as you are blessed - Give generously

Thank you for being a partner, Together in Christ, in many important Disciples outreach ministries.

Building Healthier Communities

In today's busy world, there are certain thing that many of us take for granted like the air we breathe, the water we drink and perhaps even the roof over our head. Most people hurry through their day and rush home without thinking of those who do not have a decent home to go to. However, two Fort Wavne families and hundreds of volunteers now appreciate the value of a roof, four sturd walls and a place to call home.

Habitat for Humanity

This new found appreciation is the result of a partnership between Parkview Hospital and the FW District of the United Methodist Church. These partners teamed up last summer to build two Habitat for Humanity homes in FW. Members of the churches raised \$40,000 for one house and Parkview's Mission and Community Outreach Committee, which coordinates community benefit projects for the hospital, matched another \$40,000 to build a second. In all, an excess of \$100,000 in financial and in-kind donations were raised for this project.

Like any other building site, when the familie visited the location of their future homes they saw many people pounding nails, putting up drywall and planting shrubs. The one difference was that all the people working on their homes were not doing it for the money, but for the good of two families in their Continued

abitat continued

ommunity. Both organizations provided the arpenters - doctors, nurses, ministers, ankers, moms and dads - all volunteering heir time to make a difference. More than 0,000 individuals participated in this project even those who had little or no construction ackground. One volunteer came to the site me after time just to pick up trash. The task idn't matter - just the cause.

labitat homeowners are required to work nany hours on their own home as well as on ther habitat homes under construction. This sweat" work not only helps the homeowner ppreciate their new home, but also allows hem to get to know the volunteers who make t possible.

As a hospital, the community entrusts us with their health every day. We take our ommitment to them very seriously and we eel the need to fulfill it beyond the walls of he hospital.



Little Things Mean a Lot

Church Women United is once again collecting Gifts of the Heart Kits for Church World Service. Little things mean a lot. Whatever the destination and situation, your love and care in assembling all varieties of Gift of the Heart Kits make their journey possible, beginning to end!

The journey begins! In classrooms and church halls, dining rooms, and around kitchen tables, every Church World Service Gift of the Heart Kit begins with loving hand collecting and assembling the new components exclusive to each purposefully designed Kit. The content of each of these recovery Kits are such simple, small things new pencil, tablet, washcloth, tube of toothpaste, a scrub brush - but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes.

The journeys end! Maybe it's Honduras or Nicaragua, where health Kits and Baby Kits were a vital part of the recovery effort following the devastation of Hurricane Mitch

Or Kosovo, where families faced an uncertain future and a harsh winter as civil war raged. Maybe the final destination is Tucumcai, New Mexico, where the eager minds and hands of homeless children welcomed School Kits to start the school year. Or Belle Valley, Ohio, where 175 families displaced by floods were assisted with Health and Clean-up Kits.

The need for Gift of the Heart Kits is great. We can never have too many of these recovery Kits on hand. So pick out one or more projects to do. It doesn't take a lot of money – or time. Just a commitment to make a difference in the lives of young people and adults somewhere in the world.

Kits need to be brought to the church before May 5th. They will be added to other kits brought by member of Church Women United to the May Friendship Day Celebration on May 5. A van will take the collection to Church World Service in Indianapolis that day. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649.

Baby Kit (Layette)

- 4 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts
- 2 wash cloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket)

Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Processing/Shipping: \$1 (You can also provide Baby Kits by donating \$35/kit.

Clean-Up Kit

1 three to 5 gallon bucket filled with:

5-7 sponges

1 box plastic garbage bags (30 gal. size)

1 wire brush

1 scrub brush

1 can powdered cleaner

2 pairs rubber gloves

Include only the items listed and pack one per box. Seal the box with packing tape. Clearly mark the outside of each box "CW Gift of the Heart Clean-up Kit"

Processing/Shipping: \$3 You can also provide a Clean up Kit by donating \$20/kit

School Kit

1 pair blunt scissors
Pads or notebook of ruled paper
approximately 8-1/2 x 11" containing 150-3
sheets of paper.

- 1 30 centimeter (12") ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 12 sheets colored construction paper
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 cloth bag, approximately 12" x 14", with cloth handles

Pack these items in the cloth bag, fold the tover and secure with two large rubber band **Processing/Shipping: \$1**

You can also provide School Kits by donat \$11/kit

Health Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb
- 1 metal nail file
- 1 bar soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste (4-7 oz)
- 6 band aids

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indle all items into the towel and tie it with ibbon or yarn.

ocessing/Shipping: \$1

ou can also provide Health Kits by donating 2/kit.

rap your love and prayers in every Gift of e Heart Kit you put together. But, please, clude only the items listed. Do not include rsonal notes, money, or any additional items or with the Kits. The contents of the Kits e carefully planned to make them as usable possible, in any situation., wherever and henever they are sent. And please do not clude or decorate your Kits with religious mbols, as the Kits are shared with people sed only on need, regardless of religion. costs Church World Service from \$1-\$3 to ocess and ship each Gift of the Heart Kits. ease be sure to send your special gift for ocessing and shipping for all your donated ts. It helps assure they will arrive safely at ir future destinations.





SERVING - SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2000 EASTER SUNDAY

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Anne Moll

10:45 am

Becca Widmer, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Betty Grimm, Linda Stover, Ray Stover

10:45 am

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Shari Grier, Diane Bohlen, Holly Matis, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Sue Brickley

LAY WORSHIP

(Second Service) George Davis

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Second Service) Lori Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Orie and Marilyn McDougle (April 23 & 30)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Charlie Hatten, Eve Gorman, Teresa Hatten, David Brooks, Dick Mey, Sally Rudy SERVING - SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 200

ELDERS

8:15 am

Judy Church, Teresa Hatten

10:45 am

Dick Mey, Charlie Hatten

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Betty Grimm,

Nora Allen, Sue Brey

10:45 am

Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Estel Vandergri Evelyn Yeoman, David Brooks, Katie Mol Sue Allen, Kristian Scott

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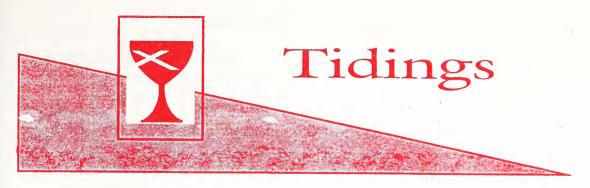
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In memory of Charles "Bud" Ludwig

At the Feeder Again . . .

Slater (the world's smartest cat - just ask him - he raises one paw when asked) and I, have been watching our Robins just outside the living room window. It's nesting time....a quiet resting time for the family. 21 days of keeping eggs warm and grabbing a worm between sessions. It's wonderful to watch new life come into being.

Soon, our worm population will take a dramatic decrease, as there will be more mouths to feed. Growth requires food. Hungry beaks will soon be lifting their chorus to the heavens....to the God of worms....and to mom and dad (the incarnation of God's blessing to baby Robins).

Mayo, our former cat, an outdoor hunter, tried her best one year to help the Robins....I watched her climb to the nest above our home and steal an egg. She carefully brought it down in her teeth, the same way she used to carry a foil ball I'd throw for her to fetch (and she did! She was the second smartest cat in the world). When she got to the ground, she didn't know what to do with this blue ball, so she dropped it gently at my feet....but when I didn't throw it she scooped it up and headed back up the tree with her treasure (I'm not lying...I saw it with my own eyes!). She carefully laid the egg back into the nest and started to climb down, but changed her mind and scooped it back up and came down the tree. However, when she jumped from the tree to the ground, the egg broke in her mouth. It shocked her and she dropped her blue ball and cleaned her mouth, enjoying its content.

Later that year she caught one of the Robin parents before I could do anything about it, and killed it. I felt bad as I watched the other parent work three times harder to raise the remaining child. The Robin pulled it off, but not without lots of work. The youngster learned better places to lay

eggs, and how to keep one eye open for the cat.

I've had to witness this increased load in the church lately too. The many deaths we've experienced have caused those of us living to increase our output. Many have been faithful. Many have increased their efforts. Thank God for those who are able to do that! \$2,800 per month is paying off our improvement loan! That hurts too....but we're making it....somehow.... although we're probably going to make a cut in staff (although we'll get some help through the memorial trust to hire a student and we're making progress in that area)...but things will have to change around here. I'll get a few more duties in my already busy life.....George says he'd work for free....we may have to take him up on that!

Sometimes I feel like a solitary Robin trying to raise a child....but I thank God that I am able, and those who can, are stepping up to fill the void. I'm grateful to God for all your kind gifts. My goal is to help us grow again...and there is evidence that that very thing is happening. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

As for now, I'm either on the nest or at the feeder,

Feeding on the love of Christ. Neil

Dear Friends:

I simply can't put into words what your great outpouring of love and affection for Janet and her family meant to me personally. You made it possible in so many ways for us to hold on during sad moments and to dwell on the wonderful memories she left with each of us - memories that will surely live until that glorious day when for each of us "the dawn breaks and the shadows will forever flee away."

Janet was for me one of God's beautiful creatures who struggled so hard to make life a little easier for everyone she met and one who tried to leave this old world a little better then when she found it. In this resolve she succeeded, according to the countless messages you wrote to praise her life, her talents, and her humanity. She was indeed one who "fought a good fight, who finished the course, and who kept the faith." And I believe, to continue to paraphrase the Bible that "there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness and for all those who helieve."

Among her devotional reading we found a "treasure" that I know expresses her hopes for each one of us. It reads simply:

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I said a prayer for you today and I know God must have heard

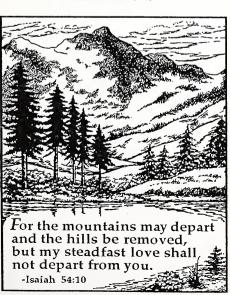
I felt the answer in my heart although he spoke no word! I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind) asked him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind! I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day. Fo grant you health and ings

and friends to share your ay!

l asked for happiness for you in all things great and small -But it was for his loving care I prayed the most of all!"

Again, thank you for your derful acts of kindness and passion and I ask God's blessings ach of you.

Jack Weicker



Visitors April 16 & 23



Peggy Farlow Bob Struckholtz Mildred Lopez Michelle Nagel J. Halter Barb Richardson Jamie Richardson Garland Wilson Ed Murphy Sr Freida Current Chris & Angel Jackson with Bridgett Missy Ables Rhianna Lea Racheal Schnitz Stacy Schnitz Dick Widmer Larry & Bernadine Brey Sherry Slavin Alan Malcolm Steve Nagy Angela Quinn Sandy and Linda Johnstone with Heather Bill Mathers Ryan Johnstone Everett & Faye Wilson Greg & Bev Wilson Guoff & Nilan Horner Melanie Wilson Greg & Ellen Duncan with Noah

May 16 - Evangelism - 7 pm

David & Ann Linn with Allison & Claire from Columbus OH Craig & Janet Edwards and Family from Atlanta GA Amber D. Ben Mathis June Moore from Milroy PA Martha Fultz from Harrisburg PA Linda Miller from PA Helen Wagner from PA Grace Wagner from PA Ken Spillers, Sr with Chris, Ken, Jr & Ashlev Jeanette DeVere Don Crouse Rachel Baker Muriel Baker Kristy Beaty Steve Schnitz Erin Favory Greg & Mary Jo Toenges

Mary Ann Clark

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

William B. Bier from Wyoming MI



Jim & Alicia Davis

Midalys Ortiz



Carrie Wagner from Elkhart





Ministry Team Meetings May 8 - Finance Ministry Team Meeting - 7:15 pm

May 9 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

May 16 - Worship - 7 pm



What's Happening Now

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FOOD DRIVE

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> Melissa Brey Nick Whitworth Jenica Wilson

We extend our thanks and appreciation to their Mentor's: Nora Allen, Sam Hayes and Marlene Crouse. Thank you, Brenda Kelly Page 8

DID YOU KNOW????

...that a new South Central Kiwanis Club has been formed - They meet on Fridays, beginning May 19 at 7 am at the Faith United Church on Clinton and Dewald streets. For information contact Tim Noyes at 749-5901.

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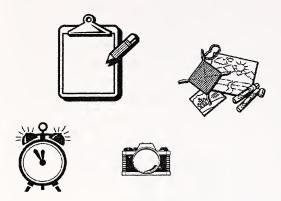
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LET'S GET SERIOUS ABOUT RUMMAGE!!!!!

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SORTING, PRICING, ARRANGING will be ongoing every day starting May 8. Continued

Please let Judy Church at 447-5691, know when you are available to help or sing up on the poster in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!!!

Please thank the good people of First Christian Church for their gift of \$2,000.00 for the Edwin R. Allen, Sr. Scholarship Fund in memory of Edwin R. Allen, Sr. I know how much this will mean to Ed Jr's mother as well as to Ed and the rest of the family.

It is particularly important to use this gift as a way of celebrating a life lived in service to the church and love for its ministry. We are deeply appreciative of the support for the ministry that this gift represents.

My best always,
Richard L. Harrison, Jr.
President
Lexington Theological
Seminary

Dear friends of First Christian Church

Thanks so much to all of you who cooked and baked all the wonderful dishes and desserts for us at the time of Harold's final days and on. Your love and support of us is greatly continued on page 11. Page 10

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reciated by us, and gave us great fort.

Sincerely, Barry & Nina Nordblom and sisters Debbie and Diana

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Dear Neil,

Yes I am embarrassed...my face is red! I finally got through a stack on my desk and what did I discover? A check sent way back in January for the Indiana Women's endowment Fund in honor of Kris Ohneck was staring me in the face. I have now written Kris about this additional gift of \$153.00 in her name and I want to express our gratitude to your congregation for this special way of honoring Kris.

It is a very meaningful way to not only honor Kris, but to validate and affirm the gifts she has shared with the whole church. The generosity of your congregation in this regard is commendable.

Please express my personal gratitude and the thankfulness of the Indiana Commission of Women for these gifts.....they will help insure that ministry to, for, and with Indiana Disciples women will continue far into the future.

May this Lenten and Easter season be one of both reflection and joy for you as you serve in Jesus' name.

> Sylvia E. Mill Associate Regional Minister

In Honor of Mother's Day

The Beauty of a woman

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, The figure that she carries, Or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes.

Because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where her love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, But true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

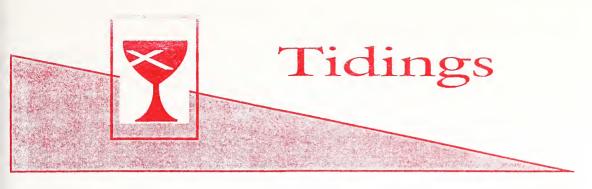
It is the caring that she lovingly gives, The passion that she shows. and the beauty of a woman with passing years - only grows!

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the Feeder Again . . .

Red Winged Blackbirds have recently nd my feeder. They are a joy. Their song eautiful. Their manners are wonderful. It pleasure to look out and see this unique ation of God, especially as I've learned this I species has been declining over the past years. It's nice to think that perhaps I'm ping to turn their numbers around.

tertide has been especially wonderful this r. Blessings of growth are occurring all und us. Our oak tree has 32 leaves! Ok, it's a small tree.....but it's beginning to w..... We brought it here from my dhood home in Michigan. One day, I pray see it will be filled with birds. I hope I thave to live to 150 to see that happen.

the three to us with a good background in the churches. What a blessing they will

be. Ryan, Mark and Julia's son, is a very good young artist. Mark teaches at IPFW.

We will also add another new face to our worship. Tim Akers will share duties as Summer Ministerial Intern. I am really excited about Tim's arrival. We have so much to work on in the next few months. Our new summer hours and our creative-but-sensitive-to-tradition approach to summer worship should be a real blessing. I believe we're doing the right thing. Tim will help me make sure these are as unique and beautiful as Red Winged Blackbirds and 32 leafed oak trees.

And as we continue to grow, I invite you to grow with us. Worship regularly. Study your bible and pray. Engage in a service project. God is at work here. We are being blessed! Thanks be to God that enriches us daily!

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

"...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth: it shall not return to me empty, but it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

New Summer Worship and

Sunday School Hours

Starting May 28 - Memorial Weekend 8:15 Sunday School 9:30 Church Don't forget!

Exciting educational and worshipful activities planned for all ages.

The Indiana Region Invites You to Discern God's Will Concerning Ordination of Gay-Lesbian Candidates

For some years (since 1977), the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has considered the question of ordination of Gay and Lesbian persons to the ministry. It has been a difficult question for some, and a simple question for others (on both sides of the issue). The General church has carefully and prayerfully studied this issue for all these years, but with no conclusion other than to say that we should not violate the rights of these individuals.

A few years ago the Region produced a study packet for congregations. It was widely ignored and more years passed without fruitful dialogue. Through this period the Region has worked with a guideline that has excluded these persons for ordination. So, many have adopted a "don't ask - don't tell"

position, but this has not addressed the issue

Recently a candidate has applied to the Region for ordination stating that he did not feel comfortable in hiding his calling or his sexual orientation. The Commission on Ministry carefully reviewed this candidate a would like to present him for ordination, but that requires a change of our current Region policy. After more thought and prayer, the Regional Commission on Ministry voted to propose a change of policy to the regional board in June. Prior to that vote, a period o prayer and discernment will occur. There we discussions and views expressed, but as a dialogue not as a debate.

This is your invitation to enter into the discernment process. Sessions will be held Monday, June 19th, from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.1 The opening session starts at 10 a.m., with individual sessions starting at 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 3 p.m., & 6:45 p.m.. The Board is also offering an additional session at 10 a.m. on June 20th.

To participate you must contact Sharon Stribling at the Regional Office (317-926-6051) prior to the deadline - June 7th. (Address: Christian Church in Indiana 110 West 42nd Street, Indianapolis, In 46208

For further information on the meaning of ordination and the process, you may contain Pastor Allen.





WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATES April 19, A.D. 2000

e cyclones in two months have brought nous suffering and widespread station to the peoples of Madagascar, ambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa. that 3 million people have been affected nundreds of thousands have been aced from their homes. While the national community has responded well emergency relief during the initial days disaster, there is growing concern about gion's long term rehabilitation. Much of vork will fall to the church community. in by Churches Together and Church d Service have now issued appeals to members, including the Disciples, for than \$13 million to provide long term ery aid to local church partners ghout the region. Week of Compassion ready provided nearly \$50,000 in onse to the flooding but will need and and upon designated gifts to sustain our onse for the long and difficult months . Many of our churches have asked for lete ways to help. Here is one example:

will provide one Rural Resettlement Kit amily returning to their home. These re for families in greatest need and the blankets, plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, heath kits, landmine awareness materials, cooking utensils, cook stove, washbasin, jerry-can, basic food stuffs, seeds, tools and a pair of goats. Thank you and God bless.

Week of Compassion: Around the World - Around the Year Johnny Wray

Check out www.weekofcompassion.org for updates. Subscribe to wcupdatesrequest@bread.ecunet.org for more immediate news.

Visitors

May 7 and 14

Marcella Patrick



Terry Ewing (Eureka College) Tim Akers (Eureka College) Vickie Akers (Tim's Mother) Josh Richardson !!! Jaimee Richardson Barbara Richardson Nick Hoffman

We hope to see you again very soon!!!



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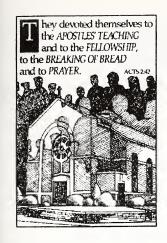
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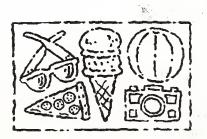


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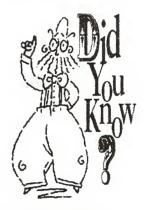
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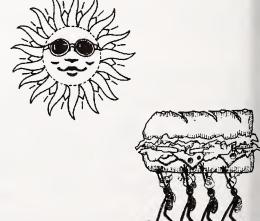


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The family of Bernice Montgomery -Bernice has been a member at FCC since April 23, 1962

onnie - Pastor Allen's future sister in law - heart attack.

aron - Pastor Allen's sister - knee replacement.

rolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

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rl Clewlow - Brother in law of Mildred Hutchinson - Double knee replacement Mon. May 15th.

ndy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home

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ll Fortenbery - Aunt of Becca Widmer - ICU with heart problems

issell & Freda Current- Friends of Rosie Krull

ndy Fryback - Wrist surgery on May 17th.

ba Fusselman

nette Grier

otha Jones - Fell on cement and will require dental surgery.

chel Judd

kie Keller - Back problems.

nna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook

tty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

ma Marshall - Friend of Judy Mey

arlie McGrew & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

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lma Miller - Wilma is under Dr's care at home.

sh Richardson - Still many facial reconstructive surgeries required.

ny, Barb and Justin Rumple. Barb waiting for pager, which is final step before transplant.

Ibur & Doris Snook. Wilbur at Lutheran Medical/Surgery ICU. Had infected abscess removed from neck on Tuesday, May 16.

n Spillers - Emphysema

uce Stone

na Vanderwall - Skin graft on Tuesday, May 16th.

na Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

Wilbanks

ttany York - 6 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - She has Leukemia but is some better.

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ELDERS - 8:15 am

Teresa Hatten, Larry Brey

10:45 am

Donna Heimann, Charlie Hatten

DIACONATE - 8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Betty Grimm,

Kristian Scott, David Brooks

10:45 am

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Linda Deck,

Diane Bohlen, Shari Grier, Sue Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sally Rudy, Estel Vandergriff

(May 21 and 28)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Marlene Crouse,

Barb Hayes,

Donna Heimann

LAY WORSHIP

David Brooks

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Vandergriff

COFFEE HOUR

The Moll Family

ACOLYTE

Polly & Courtney

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Kathy Cron, Anne Moll

10:45 am

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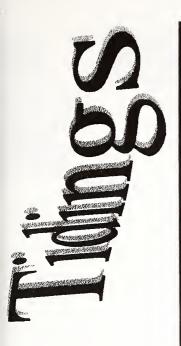
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Special Edition - May 23, 2000

At the Feeder Again,

A simple twist of the door knob can send our back yard into chaos. Squirrels make a circus leap to the fence. Sparrows and rabbits evaporate faster than kids at an amusement park. Noise erupts from every corner. Filling the feeders should be joyous....but the news of my arrival is most often traumatic.

A special edition of the Tidings? I can hear the scattering already. Pat is making more noise than a startled crow. A special crew is being called in to sort, sticker, fold and staple.

I've only come with a little feed in my hand. A reminder, that is..... WORSHIP HOUR HAS CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER! 9:30!!! PASS THE WORD. Sunday School is at 8:15 a.m.. Nora and I have something special for the kids. Everyone welcome.

Hope you can hear me over the racket of the sparrows!

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil



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Brittany York - Leukemia - Granddaughter of Tom & Laura - 6 yrs. old.

Everyday.....Pray.....Every way...Pray....Everyone....Pray... For God's blessings....For God's guidance...For God's purpose. The prayers go up. The blessings come down!





Special Sunday Worship Plans:

May 28th - New Worship Hour and Format Starts
Features: Bille Story Time - Dramatically Presented
Tanmy Deck - Vocalist.

June 4th Graduation Sunday

Presentation of Graduates (special gifts given),

d: 15 a.m. Breakfast for the graduates and parents. A very wise and special guest at breakfast!!! Tim Akers will be helping with worship.

ine 11th - Pentecost - WEAR RED!

A very unique worship - come expecting the unexpected!

Special Music, Picnic after worship. Bring a covered dish. Pentecost is always fun!

18th - Father's day

Congregational Meeting after worship

ine 25th - VBS Kick-Off - Tim Akers will bring the message (Note: His mother and father are planning to come.)

ily 2^{sd} - VBS 5th Day - Very Special Program!

16th - Musical Extravaganza. Special music will fill the sanctuary. Don't miss this

Wy 30th - Camp Sunday - Special skits and music from Camp.

igust 13th - Young Adult Sunday (Tim's Last Sunday).

igust 27th - Choir Sunday (A unique presentation involving all our voices)

her BIG NEWS.....

WE nailed it ----->

fish fry - Served over 300! Net profit @ \$600



Rummage/Bake Sale •

over\$2000

Siding job completed! Thanks Jim Bushey!!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

(For a full calendar see our Web Page FWFCC.ORG)

Sunday,May 28 - New worship hours begin.Monday,May 29FCC Office ClosedTuesday,May 30 VBS Training Meeting - 7 pmWednesday,May 31 "Women to Women" 10:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 4 Graduation Sunday. Breakfast for Graduates 8:15 am

Tuesday, June 6 D.M.A.- 12 noon - Lambro's

June 6 Elders Meeting - 7 p.m.

Friday & Saturday June 9 and 10 Decorate, Wedding Rehearsal,

Wedding

Sunday, June 11 - Pentecost - WEAR RED!!

June 11 - All church outdoor picnic at FCC.

Tuesday, June 13 - Christian Education Ministry Team - 9 am

Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

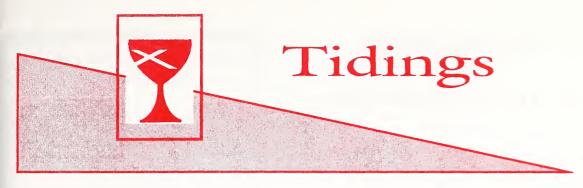
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Visitors - May 21 & 28

the Freedom

At the Feeder....

The news is good. My back yard is full. Cardinals, blue jays, and a squirrel that things I'm his mom, Red-winged black birds, a goldfinch that thinks it's in the opera....consistent feeding has paid off. This ministry is founded on these principles.

Sunday's experiment of a combined summer worship went well. We accomplished much of what we're trying to do this summer (mix ducation and worship). The church was ull, the spirit wonderful!!! It's a joy to relebrate in God's house with happy people. We've got some bugs to work out of our new system, but I feel confident that we're on the right path.

reeding on the love of Christ, Neil



Church Camp

Registrations Due!!!!



Dick, Barb and Marcie Johnson Paula Young and Russ Neuman, Samantha Chapman Jeff Thomas and Christian Skevington Barb Rathbun Laura Wilson

"Welcome each other in Christ's name"

Share the Care Day: Tasks to be Done

- *Paint
- *Clean Windows
- *Smile
- *Remove & Trim Shrubs
- *Laugh
- *Polish Brass
- *Eat Doughnuts
- *Clean Cabinets
- *Act Silly

June 3rd - 8 a.m. till Noon

Holyword Studios VBS Where Kids Star in God's Story

By the time you receive this issue of the Tidings, it will be June 1, 2000. That means that in just 26 days our Vacation Bible School will begin. It is being held June 26, 27, 28 and 29 in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.. There is a lot of work to be done and First Christian Church needs you to volunteer your time and talents to help reach children, and adults too, with God's story. Please call the church office, 744-3239, or Judy Church, 447-5691, and say yes to helping with a location site, being a film crew leader, donating food, picking up children, helping distribute brochures. This is just a sampling of what needs to be done.



The most important thing that needs to be done can be done by anyone, anywhere, at any time and that is to pray for the children to come and for adults to bring them so that all of us can discover we are stars in God's story.

You are invited to join us to celebrate Katie's graduation.

> Fox Island Park Nature Center

June 17, 2000 12-4 p.m.

Roger and Anne Mall

A Story from Your Global Ministries June 2000

To open the doors of our hearts....

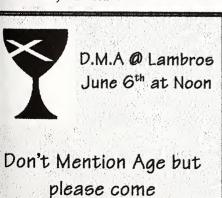
Global Ministries missionary Jeff Mensendie is the director of the student center in Senda Japan. For ten years he has been takin Japanese students on study tours to sout Asia. This spring he took seven students t Kerala in the southern tip of India. For thre weeks they visited village people, stayed their homes, and learned about social service work being done by local non-government organizations (NGO's)

On these visits, they spend time, not in five star hotels, but in the homes of the loc people, the visits made possible by contact through the church. "It is a way to sharfrom the heart," Jeff writes, "as a simp home becomes the sharing ground for newfound friendship. Japanese youth a

ounded by the hospitality and acceptance. ese trips open the doors of our hearts to richness of life which is the Gospel."

Jeff wrote, his students had just gone off their home-stays. "They will stay two this with Harijan families who are the vest caste of Hindu society. Never have see people had foreign visitors in their mes. This was arranged by a friend who as an NGO to aid poor families by oviding them skills training, which can be beginning of sustainable income for their ure village life."

th both India and Pakistan involved in clear testing, Jeff said that on this ticular trip he was thinking about the rld's increasing dependence on nuclear wer and weaponry, and effort to change s. "My host here has been involved in iting Hiroshima nuclear bomb survivors bakusha) to India to speak about the rors to bomb. He is trying to educate the pple who have so little information about bomb, 'a symbol of strength against ian's rival, Pakistan."



June Serving List Communion Preparation:

June 4th & 11th: Evelyn Yeoman & Linda Stover June 18th & 25th: Sally Rudy & Kristian Scott

Homebound Communion:

June 4th: Elder - Dick Mey &
Deacon - Linda Stover
Elder - Ann Moll &
Deacon - Katie Moll
Elder - Becca Widmer
Deacon - Greg Baitz

June 18th: Elder Maro Quick
Deacon - David Brooks
Elder - Judy Church
Deacon - Diane Bohlen
Elder - Larry Brey
Deacon - Kristian Scott

Elders at the Table

June 4th - Marlo Quick & Charlie Hatten
June 11th - Judy Church & Larry Brey
June 18th - Becca Widmer & Charles McGrew
June 25th - Dick Mey & Charlie Hatten

Deacons

June 4th - Roger Moll, Eve Gorman, Betty Grimm, Greg Baitz, Diane Bohlen, Orie Mc Dougle, Marlyn McDougle, David Brooks June 11th - Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Betty Grimm, Kristian Scott, Jenny Baitz, Greg Baitz, Sue Brey June 18th - Roger Moll, Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, Estel Vandergriff, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Katie Moll, David Brooks June 25th Roger Moll, Nora Allen, Shair Grier, Betty Grimm, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Sue Brickley, Holly Mathis

Chris Olsen's Graduation **Open House**

June 17th - 3-7 p.m.

Upcoming EVENTS

June 4th - Graduation Sunday - Breakfast with the graduates and special guest.

June 6th - D.M.A. Noon; Elders 7 p.m.

June 10th - Arruza/Burton Wedding

June 11th - Pentecost - All Church Picnic WEAR RED

June 13th - Christian Education 8:30 a.m.

June 16-17 - Couples Retreat

June 18-Congregational Meeting 10:45 a.m.

June 21 - Third Wednesday Worship 6 pm.

June 26-29 V.B.S. 6:30 p.m. -8:45 p.m.

Prayer Requests

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HolyWord Studios VBS Where Kids Star in God's Story

Needs:

Scholarship money for registration fees.
Financial contributions for Movie Posters, Director's Slate, Canvas backing for Director's Chairs.

Other donations needed:

Megaphone, White Christmas lights, knickers, beret, white or pink smock, powder puff, directors chairs, cardboard cow (about 3' by 4'), feathered boa, strip of red carpet.

Would you like to be a videographer for VBS????? See Judy Church.

Don't forget we begin production June 26, 27, 28 & 29 at 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. The adult class with Pastor Allen begins at 7 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

More . . .

Sunday, June 18 - Congregational Meeting - 10:45 am - Election



Campers AT CAMP THIS WEEK

Jessica Megan Jacob

Have a wonderful time !!!!!



At the feeder again . . .

For some time now I've realized that feeding birds is real work.



While cleaning a thistle feeder with seeds flying in all directions, and realizing that several had flown up my nose, I came to the conclusion that to really be committed one must truly love birds.

A valuable lesson in feeding birds over the long haul is to appreciate them everyday. Another important part of feeding birds is to overlook the squirrels, or be determined to feed them in other ways, because they will come to the feeder every day and hungry. A wise bird feeder once said, "This job wouldn't be so hard if the birds and squirrels didn't eat."

I do draw the line at geese. I kicked a family of 8 out of the feeder the other day. I just walked to the window and knocked. When they looked at me, I pointed my thumb in a gesture that conveyed, "Hit the road" and they did. With over 1,000 geese on the lake behind the house, I quickly summarized that a few chatty geese sharing the joy of my grey-stripped sunflower seeds, corn and peanuts, and I'd be overrun in minutes.

The painful part of that experience is the revelation that I am prejudiced against geese, just because they're numerous a LARGE, that their droppings attract fl and ..and... prejudice is a painful label to pin on oneself, even if you car "sort of" justify it. The funny part abo this is how Nora and I stand at the edg of the lake and enjoy the honking, the soaring and landing of hundreds of geese....we take pictures of the fuzzy yellow chicks....say, "Oh, look, there's another one" but how quickly we char our tune when they come calling like we're the local food bank, and its dinr time.

Prejudice is a sin. It breeds hatred and can lead to violence. Caught myself throwing rocks at a goose the other da I've either got to put feed out for all,'s feeding birds or just accept the fact the geese will come by my feeders like vacuum cleaners....either way I have deal with my prejudice. The first thin need to do is to realize I harbor mixed agenda, deal with it, and discontinue i aggression. It's not the geese's fault t they have found free food, that we've overbuilt our lakes and streams, that we've killed off their predators, and tr restrict their habitats. They're just be geese....and we're just being jerks.

Feeding on the love of Christ and wor to eliminate prejudice in my heart,

Neil

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Thank You!

A huge, gigantic, Colossal, tremendous, thank you to each of the ladies that took care of the FCC office while I was on vacation.

I honestly do not know what FCC<u>or</u>
I would do without each and
everyone of you.

Marilyn McDougle Evelyn Yeoman Sally Rudy Jessie Fern Woodward

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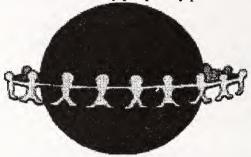
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The Reason Why

I am 21 years old and am the voungest of five children. I was born and raised in Robinson Illinois. My father. Tom Akers, was raised in a Disciples church in Tennessee, and has been a minister with in the Disciples Church for over 30 years. My father has been the minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Robinson for 23 years. My mother, Vickie who was also raised in a Disciples Church, has been the youth leader for as long as I can remember. Both my mother and father have served on the Regional staff in Illinois for the Disciples of Christ Church.

I have seen what kind of work my parents have done with in the region and with in our church in Robinson. I grew up watching them work with one another as well as other members of the congregation. Though at firsts I did not understand why my parents had to be gone all the time and leave my four older brothers and one sister to take care of me. Once I realized the purpose of my parents trips to Bloomington, IL was to help the Disciples of Christ Church, I became very proud of my parents. It was at that time I first thought about going into the Ministry, if we don't count the time a told my friends I wanted to be like my dad because he only had to work one day of the week.

Robinson is not a very large town it has a population of less than 7,000 people. While growing up in Robinson I realized how many people my parents



had helped over the years. To this day if someone does not know who I am I can say two things, one "I am Reverend Tom's son", or I can say "I am an Akers". My parents enjoy helping other people, and I can tell you that they are good at it. To this day my parents are happy because of the love that they have received from Jesus Christ. For they share that love that they receive with five children, as well many other people. I share the same love in my heart for Jesus Christ that my parents have. I want to be able to share that love with many others, so that they can experience the same joy that I have in my heart. I can do that by ministering the love of God to others. Therefore, I am going to graduate form Eureka College, and go on to Seminary to become a Minister.

"And Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Truly, I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God." Acts 10:34.



Dan and Janet Green
Tanya and Gary Mitchell and
Mitchel Brown from Berne
Nancy, Sarah & Melton - LeRoy IL
Mary Ruth Howes - New Jersey
Marcie Johnson
Mary Alice Brueggeman
Tyris Lapsley
Ronnie Fan
Freddie Mae James
Joshua St Clair

Lisa Jones - St clair Angeline Jones

We hope to see you again very soon!!!



What's Happening Now

June 16 & 17 Couples Retreat - Rochester IN

June 18 - Fathers Day - We will have a special message brought to you by our Fathers'

June 18 - A very special Fellowship gathering sponsored by our Fellowship Ministry Team.

June 21 - Third Wednesday Worship(TWW) Outdoors - Come casual & bring a dish to share.

June 23 - Youth (6th -12th grades) <u>4 pm</u> "Party at Tim's Place" ©©©©©

June 24 - mom's on mission - 9 am - 4 pm

June 25 - Tim Akers - Speaker for worship - Special "VBS Emphasis"

June 26 - V.B.S. Begins - 6:30 - 8:45 pm Adults - 7-8:30 pm



SERVING

June 18, 2000

Elders:

Becca Widmer, Jean McGrew

Diaconate:

Roger Moll, Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, Estel Vandergriff,

Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Katie Moll, David Brooks

Communion Preparation:

Sally Rudy, Kristian Scott

Homebound Communion:

Marlo Quick, David Brooks, Judy Church,

Diane Bohlen, Larry Brey, Kristian Scott

Coffee Hour:

Fellowship Ministry Team

June 25, 2000

Elders:

Dick Mey, Charlie Hatten

Diaconate:

Roger Moll, Nora Allen, Shari Grier, Betty Grimm, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Sue Brickley, Holly Mathis

Communion Preparation:

Sally Rudy, Kristian Scott

Coffee Hour:

Marlo Quick, Marlene Crouse

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realize that not everyone reads the idings. Some people don't read much of nything. Others have too much to read bother with such things as "church ews." Some say it's too long. Others y it's not enough....SO, if you're still ading...THANKS...and, please.....could bu share the news you glean with those ho are non-readers? I'd appreciate it.

beaking of church news, I thought you sould know what happened at the legional Board. It was a two day long afair with presenters on all sides of the isue of ordination of gays and lesbians. We were presented with a candidate for inistry that possessed all the necessary astoral skills and training required, but no openly stated his sexual orientation a gay man. As the process began, some ome with prepared statements from their curches, others came with individually repared statements. Two theologians with conflicting views were asked to adress the issue. They all spoke to the

board, who then could ask questions. It was a long process. At the end of this portion the board began its meeting...."worshipful work," they called it. There were songs and prayers and scriptures interspersed in the business of the Regional church. Finally, the long awaited proposal was brought forward presenting the question of whether to rescind the 1978 policy about not allowing persons who are "avowed and practicing" homosexuals to be ordained. The proposal was brought in an amended form to say there needed to be more discernment within the region, that a task force needed to be named and the issue would be brought back to the November regional board for action. After many difficult moments, the motion was approved. We are being called into further discernment over the issue of ordination of gay and lesbian persons into ministry.

I share this news with you openly, as I feel it is important news in the life of the church, and to encourage you to speak with me about this issue.

I also encourage you, before you speak with me, to review carefully the process of discernment you propose, and to be open to discernment. If you limit your search to the scriptures, please keep an 01 openness to all of the scriptures, and hear m my concern that God's ability to speak good news has not always been limited to SC scripture. Please consider other avenues 0 of discernment, and be clear that you are n not putting words into God's mouth, regardless of the side you take on the issue.

My prayers for our regional church, and for the individual members. May we be open to God's truth in this and all matters of faith.

Peace in Christ,

Neil

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What's Happening Now

July 2 - "Movie Day with Tim" following worship.

July 3-9 - Tim Akers at Eureka College.

July 4 - Independence Day !! FCC office closed.

July 5 - 31 - Anthony Wayne Services Summer Program - Monday through Friday in Fellowship Hall. Please check with church office if you will be needing to use church building.

July 5 - Wednesday - Special Elders Meeting - 7 pm

July 9 - New Sunday School Class begins - "Christianity 101" - 8:15 am

July 11 - D.M.A. - Cookout at Mey's Place 12 noon. Bring your favorite meat to grill and a covered dish to share. Directions will be available at a later date.

Visitors



June 18 and 25

Ron Connerly (Cedar Rapids)
Sandy, Aaron & Kristen Allen (KY)
John Akers (Robinson, IL)
Mack & Sheri Akers (Champaign, IL)
Matt Akers (Terre Haute)
Tom & Vickie Akers (Robinson, IL)
Paula Young
Russ Neuman
Anne Imrie (Madison, MS)
Jess Mader (Ft. Lewis, WA)
Judy Markley

We hope to see you again very soon!!!

uly Birthdays

- 2 Ashley Marie Mathis
- 3 Diane Bohlen
 Shirley Diblle
- 4 Crystal Pierce
- 8 Lola Miller
- 9 David GriggsDavid Kreischer
- 10 Alice Nulf
- 11 Marge Thomas
- 12 Judy Markley
- 18 George Davis
 Sue Oden
- 19 Zac Mathis
- 23 Dustin McEvoy Mary Wilhelm
- 24 Forrest Smith
- 25 Kristie Howard
- 26 Woodie Klepfer
- 27 Sue Brey
- 28 Ryan Sheets



Thank You!

To my dear friends at First Christian - Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and kind thoughts. It is a slow healing process, but with help like yours we will make it!

Erma Vanderwall













Thanks for Everything . . .

It is with great pleasure and sadness that I accept your thoughtfulness for my retirement. The plaque you presented me will be highly cherished by the Bruckman family and the information given to Roger Moll brought back a lot of memories. It has been a great life for me to be able to serve this church and others. Like all of us, there have been times of great sadness with the church and many great rewards have been given to me also.

Thank you for all of your love and kindness.

Love, George

Prayer Concerns

The family of David Rinker. (David's wife Deborah is daughter of Kenneth and Elinor Place.) David died on Wednesday, June 21st.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

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Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care

Carl Clewlow - Brother-in-law of Mildred Hutchinson - Double knee replacement

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Bruce Stone - Surgery postponed

Erma Vanderwall - Healing

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Eureka College

entucky abolitionists who were sembers of a new religious movement nown as the Christian Church (Disciples Christ). These pioneers believed in roviding a liberal education infused with alues as a basis for leadership. To the resent day, the college continues to rive for the development of character as ell as intellect and technical competence ith emphasis on service and leadership.

faith centered life is what the college of the church are trying to build. The llege and The Christian Church lisciples of Christ) are related by a utual covenant which is dedicated to the owth and development of students.



Eureka has a group that is called D.O.C. (Disciples on Campus), and this group explores different issues related to their faith, expressing that faith, and

articipating in various church-related ativities. It is primarily targeted to sidents from a Disciples of Christ teckground; however, all students are velcome to participate. The D.O.C. goup is only one of the many groups that articipate in service projects. For istance, the D.O.C. group goes on a soring Break Mission Trip each year. his is an opportunity for students to help

others and to experience different cultural settings. In 1999, the D.O.C. group traveled to Good Samaritan Ministries in the Rio Grand Valley of Texas. This past March the group traveled to South Central Los Angeles and worked at All Peoples Christian Center.

Eureka College offers other international opportunities. Recently students have studied in Spain, Mexico, France, England, Africa, India, Japan, Russia, Italy, and Australia. Not only does Eureka offer international experience to the students, but on-the-job experience as well as academic experience through internships. First Christian Church here in Fort Wayne is helping Eureka College prepare student, Tim Akers, for his chosen career.

There are many ways that students at Eureka can challenge their minds every day. This is done in the classroom, on the practice field, or through internships. Eureka College and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are uniquely equipped to provide a quality education.

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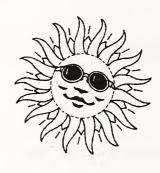
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sleek, featherless, fast oving bird gathers my tention as I return to the buse from the feeder. As I map my head around to watch a rapid flight, I know, even mough it is nearly dark, this ill not be the last flight of the ght for this bird. The little irdie is the green and white ood Samaritan helicopter ying fast and low through the ight toward a tragic scene

What accident has precipitated his eagle of mercy to take ing? What family looks to the ky for this winged angel of are? What child of God is ving helpless, breathless,

outh of town.

motionless awaiting its Tuly 12, 2000 emergency supplies? There's a story in the flight of this bird that I will never know....but I aim my prayers in the direction of that fast moving craft.

I'm hopeful as I watch this whirly-bird. I remember how just a few days ago a fast moving human-designed bird winged healing organs from South Bend to Indianapolis, while a low flying car sped from Fort Wayne to meet it. Barb Rumpel got a new kidney and a pancreas transplanted. "Praise be to God" was heard all over the phone lines of our city....and a few prayers were offered for another family that had to make that awful, yet life-giving decision to donate. Some of

those prayers must have been surrounding those families that night too.

One of my prayers is that you will settle the issue of organ donation for your family. I pray that you sign the back of your license. I pray that you become one of thousands who've said "yes" to organ donations should the unthinkable happen. I pray, for your health, but I also pray that if you've suffered an untimely death that you live on like a dove of peace by giving your blessing to the living to use your organs.

My thoughts now turn to the awaited homecoming...when Barb can walk into church and hear her friends celebrate God's unfailing goodness. I hope to hear again, "Thanks be to God!"

Feeding on the JOY of Christ, Neil

"Come, bless the Lord, all you

servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord. May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth bless you from Zion." Psalm 134











Visitors



July 2 & 9

Larry, Sr & Bernadine Brey

Patrick Colligan -Bill & Joan Franklin's Grandson

Barb Achauer & Family - Dublin, OH

Jim & Martha Nichols -

Hobart, IN

Jami & Helen Johnson -

Geneva, IL

Richard & Jeannie Nichols -Wheeling, IL

Daughter and 2 Grandchildren of Sue Knuckles from California

We hope to see you again very soon!!

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Wisconsin, USA
See article this Tidings for additional information.



The Good News and the Struggle for Justice. .

The United Church of Christ and the Disciples have supported the work of the Asian Rural Institute in Japan throughout its 27-year history. A recent letter from Global Ministries missionary Nancy Molin illustrates what happens at ARI and its importance. "Chanaka was raised as a

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rayer Concerns

The family of Wilbur H. Snook, Jr.. Wilbur died on Monday, July 10th. Wilbur has been a member here at FCC since April, 1996. Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804 Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care Carl Clewlow - Brother-in-law of Mildred Hutchinson - Double knee replacement Ruby Cline - Cancer has returned. Ruby is not doing well. Harold Cline - Is on new medication that is helping diminish the tremors of his Parkinson's disease. Andy Cook - At home Russell & Freda Current - Friends of Rosie Krull Jim Dixon - Uncle of Jenny Baitz - Tumor Ressie Ehresman Til Fortenbery - Aunt of Becca Widmer - At home after a 2 month hospital stay. Joan Franklin - Broken Wrist Reba Fusselman Janette Grier - Emphysema Leotha Jones - Improving. Wrist still bothers her, still undergoing therapy. Dental & plastic surgery postponed indefinitely. Rachel Judd Tackie Keller - At Home Donna Knecht - Sister of Doris Snook Betty Lanning - Sister of Sue Brickley - Cancer charles & Jean McGrew - Emphysema ola Miller - Nursing Care Vilma Miller - Under Doctor's care at home llinor Place - & daughter Deb while finalizing things in Albuguergue after David's leath. osh Richardson - Doing better, but still many surgeries required. ony, Barb & Justin Rumpel en & Deb Spillers - Electrical fire in bathroom 7/4/00. Everyone okay, but omeless at the moment ruce Stone rma Vanderwall - Healing Edna Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

Brittany York - Granddaughter of Tom & Laura - 6 yrs. old - Leukemia

What Keeps Me Alive

(This modified article appeared in "Passages" the newsletter for the Center on Nonviolence here in Fort Wayne)

What keeps me alive is knowing people care about me and love me.

What keeps we alive is the thoughts of what tomorrow will bring

What keeps we alive is the will of not turning out like certain family members.

What keeps we alive is my motivation and goals to make something of myself.

What keeps we alive is my dream of finding "the one."

What keeps we alive is my faith in God and my will to make it stronger.

What keeps we alive is my will to change and make the world better.

What keeps we alive is my desire to see my little brothers grow.

What keeps we alive is wanting to prove that \mathbf{I} can be just as powerful as a man.

What keeps we alive is the feeling of getting over my fears. What keeps we alive is not wanting more tears

What keeps we alive is What keeps me going

Contributed by Stephanie a Y-Peace participant.

ddhist in heavily polarized i Lanka, and absorbed the lence of his environment. ter getting in trouble many hes throughout elementary d high school, he encounted Christ and felt his calling discipleship. Christian ends encouraged him to tend church and brought him a youth camp where he gave life to Christ.

ople of his country. The low ste people in Sri Lanka are ut out of society and made to ke only the meanest, dirtiest is. Chanaka works for a local in-profit organization that ips the poorest of the people build simple houses. 'A house the first necessity for a cent life' Chanaka says.

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an Rural Institute. He is
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even mor clean, safe and efficient places to live and work. With only a few animals on the farm, a family can produce enough gas for all their cooking needs using these simple installations.

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"Chanaka is excited about the ways he can weave together the Good News of Jesus Christ, the material needs of people and their struggle for justice, using the skills and experience he is gaining in Japan sharing with fellow participants from 10 different countries."



OPEN THE DOORS

Waking up on Sunday morning we sometimes say, "Oh great I have to go to church!" Yet when we say that we have to go to church are we talking about Page 5

calhoun Street? How many of us think of the church as being physically a building? Yes the building where we worship is called a church, and it is a building and it is a foundation that gives us shelter. Many of us think of the church as just a place, but the church is more than just a place it is more than just a building.

A poem that I learned as a child goes like this "Here is the church and here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people." There are some hand motions that go with this poem to give it further meaning. This poem explains to us what the church truly is made of, and it's not just bricks and mortar. Once the doors are opened one can see the church. The real church is what is inside. The people are what makes the church, without the people what good would the building do? We do not need a building to be a church. Can we not love one another without the building that we worship in? Yes, the church building its self

is very important to me. To this day I can tell you what the church I grew up in looks like inside and out. Yet that is because of what went on inside the church. The reason the building itself is important is because of what happens and what we do in the building that makes it so special.

We cherish the building and have a great deal of respect for the church building. Yet, we have a greater deal of respect for those who make up the church with us. For we say that we are a church family brought together by one thing, and that one this is the body of Christ In I Corinthians 12:12 it says, "Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts." If one part of the body suffers, all of the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all of the other parts share its happiness. All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it" (I Corinthians 12:26-27).

Te all share a love of our Lord of Savior. We praise God ogether and that brings us oser together as a family. The First Christian Church oisciples of Christ) all over the world are all members of the church with each other, and with Christ the head of the

) For where two or more are thered in my name, I am ere among them" (Matthew :20)

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COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Orie and Marilyn McDougle

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Linda Deck

COFFEE HOUR:

Janice Wagner, Rena Pilz

Vandergriff,

SERVING, JULY 23

Linda Stover, Marlene Crouse

John Bohlen, Steve Yanner, Mary Novachcoff, Stephanie Manter, Roger Moll-Sue Brey, Betty Grimm, David Brooks

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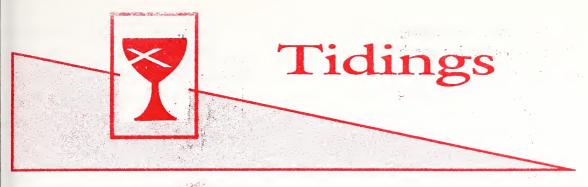
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In memory of
Wilbur Snook
and
Ruby Cline

At the feeder again . .

The feeder has been very busy hese days. Incoming flights from all over the city now run at all tours. It looks a little like D'Hare Airport during rush hour. Too many birds....too few feeders....we may need to expand.

iome of the new-comers to my ieeder are very wild. They set up amp and hunker down amidst the afflower and millet. Seeds go lying in all directions.

Speaking of camp, that's where

I'm at this week (Barbee Christian Camp with the Jr. High kids!)...well, actually I'm not there yet.....I'm back at my desk dropping this note into Pat's computer before winging my way west.

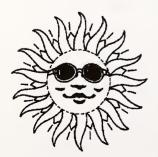
I love camp. The kids come in like a pack of frisky sparrows....zoom...they're here...zoomthey're there...zoom....where are they? By mid-week, they've slowed down to my pace and we get acquainted. Campfire, singing silly songs, swatting mosquitos, and doing trivial pursuit with Jr. High kids helps keep me young. They call me the "Old Man" and "cool" in the same breath, until I yell at them for climbing on the roof, then they call me things under their breath...but that's camp....and it's all part of learning to be a new

About the time you'll be reading this we'll be preparing for the best and worst day of camp -Saturday. They all start crying about not wanting to go home....Funny. I'm crying too....I DO want to go home! I know that feeling. I feel joy, thankfulness, God is close to these kids. I also feel exhaustion...utter, complete, 100% gut-ripping exhaustion....It's the most wonderful feeling on earthill....to know that some of the faith God blessed me with has left a mark upon the soul of a child. "And OH, What Joy shall fill my soul....Something happened and now I know....He touched and magaade me whole."

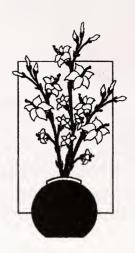
Sing for Joy all the earthl

Feeding on the Love of Christ,

Camper Neil (A.K.A. Indiana Neil) P.S. Come join us next year. You'll have a blast!



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Thank You !!!

I feel like words will never be enough to tell you how important all of you have been to Tony, Justin and myself, before, during and after my surgery.

I know that because of your continuous prayers, God has chosen me to receive his miraculous gift. I intend to do everything in my power to show God I am worthy of this.

Your cards are a joy to me.
Whenever I got lonely or worried in the hospital I would take them out and re-read them.

I thank God everyday for giving me such a wonderful extended

Christian family. It was such a coy to see all of you that first Gunday I could return to church. And it will be a joy every time of the free too!

God Bless all of you, Tony, Justin and Barb Rumple

Good Bye...

On August 6th. Deb Lehman is laving a "Moving to California" let together for all of her friend at FCC. She is moving to Fresnotery soon to a new home and a new traveling nurse job.

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August 8 - NO CABINET OR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

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August 13 - Young Adult Sunday.

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Saturday, October 14 - 60+ Breakfast - 7 am

Saturday, October 14 - Men's Luncheon - 12 noon

Saturday - October 14 - Women's Luncheon - 12 noon

Saturday October 14 - Afternoon Youth Workshop

Saturday, October 14 - Music, snacks, games and a great time for youth grades 6-12 following session.

Many more activities and workshops scheduled. Contact FCC office for details, registrations forms and hotel information.

id You Know ????

llowing is a list of D.M.A.

tivities for the next several nths. Mark these dates on ur calendar and plan now to tend. Always lots of fun and od fellowship!!!

August 8 - St James in Avilla for lunch then Kendalville for Windmill Tour.

September 5 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker Sam Hayes

October 3 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker from Emily Flinn

October 14 - Bus Trip to Baer Creek Farms

November 14 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker Rev. Patricia Mullins (more)

December 5 - Carry-in at FCC with Christmas dinner

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January 2 - Surprise activity - details at a later date.

February 6 - Carry-in with Valentine Party.

March 6 - Visit to the Conservatory

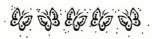
April 3 - Carry-in with guest speaker.

May 8 - Box Lunch and tour of Railroad Station

NEW NAME...

... for FCC sewing group is "Stitch-N-Chatter". They are seeking inexperienced hand sewers to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9 am at FCC.

No sewing experience needed, just willing hands. Come and join us for good fellowship while sewing. If you want more information please contact Lois at 456-8178



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Discouragement

I try to read from a daily devotional book everyday called Our Daily Bread. I keep all of the devotional books so that I can go back to certain devotions that

have really helped me, or so I can go through it and get an idea for a sermon. The other day I was

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oking through one of my books om the past and came across a evotion entitled Don't Be iscouraged.

he story in this devotion tells pout a dying soldier who asked e chaplain to write a letter to s former Sunday school teacher. he soldier wanted his Sunday hool teacher to know that it was ecause of her that he became a pristian. The words that she aid the actions that she taught lled him with the love of God. he chaplain received a reply from ne soldiers Sunday school cacher, and she had resigned om teaching Sunday school ecause she had felt her teaching ad been fruitless. She said that is letter made her realize that ne had been impatient and cking faith. She was going to sk her minister to let her teach ne Sunday school class, and she omised by God's grace that she as not going to guit.

Ve all can become impatient when e can not see the results that we re hoping for. Yet we have to it God work his wonders, and that takes time. We have to have

faith in our God. We also must have faith in our selves that we are doing the right thing, and that we are being fruitful. When we become discouraged there is always a place that can help us, and that is the bible. In Galatians 6:9 it says, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

We have all felt discouraged at one point or another, and all for different reasons. When this occurs God tells us not to be discouraged because if we are doing good we will see in time that our work has helped. We have to have patience; we can't give up. Growing up seeing both sides of the ministry I can tell you there where many times when my mother and father could have just given up. They could have said I am not helping these people, and just guit and leave the ministry. That choice would have affected me, for I would not be here in Fort Wayne as the summer intern at First Christian Church. There are times when I throw my hands up and say, "what else can I do." I ask God Pq 7

that question, and each day I come into work, and each day I tell my self maybe today is the day. My parents where not willing to give up on God, and nether am I. Please do not give up on God for his hands can do amazing things.

"Day by day perform your mission, With Christ's help keep at your tasks; Have no fear that God will chide you, Faithfulness is all He asks!" (Henry G. Bosch).

By: Tim Akers

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Wanda Howell
 Dick Mory
- 2 Sara Sheets
- 3 Christopher Olson
- 4 Karen Lands
- 8 Elizabeth Moody
- 9 Paul Cavanaugh Shelby McFarland Linda Wiley

- 10 Charline Craig
 Jennifer Medlin
- John OhneckJeff OttLaura Whitworth
- 13 Marge Mitchell
- 14 Jamari Hatten
- 17 John bohlen
- 18 Bob Bier Lois Finkhousen Lauren Krull
- 19 Lori Crouter Melissa Lands Charles Linn
- 24 Marie Redman
- 28 Jerry Medlin
- 31 Barb Hayes
 Gene Shirley

Many happy returns to each of you !!!!!

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The family of Ruby Cline. Ruby died on Friday, July 14 after a long bout with cancer.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804

Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care

Harold Cline - In the loss of his wife Ruby and his medical problems.

Andy Cook - At home

Russell & Freda Current - Friends of Rosie Krull

Jim Dixon - Uncle of Jenny Baitz - Tumor

Ressie Ehresman

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier - Emphysema

Leotha Jones - Improving.

Jackie Keller - At Home

Betty Lanning - Sister of Sue Brickley - Cancer

Charles & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller - Nursing Care

Wilma Miller - Eastlake Terrace - 3109 E. Bristol St - Apt 328 Elkhart IN 46514 219/206-1049. Temporary address and telephone number.

Elinor Place - & daughter Deb while finalizing things in Albuquerque after David's death.

Josh Richardson - Doing better, but still many surgeries required.

Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel. Barb in Indy for tests to determine cause of fever.

Bruce Stone

Erma Vanderwall - Healing

Edna Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 10511

Brittany York - Granddaughter of Tom & Laura - 6 yrs. old - Leukemia

<u>Special prayers for</u> Megan McEvoy and her friends (17 teenagers and 6 adults) as they travel to Equador (7/20/00) on a mission trip to teach VBS at 3 different churches – with songs, lessons, puppet shows etc – <u>ALL in Spanish</u>. They will enjoy 2 days of sight seeing and then make a 4 hour trip into the jungle to the first church. They will be gone for 10 days.

SERVING, JULY30

ELDERS:

Jean McGrew, Barb Hayes

DIACONATE:

Elinor Place, Kenneth Place, Estel Vandergriff, Evelyn Yeoman, Judy Church, Delores Keebortz, Holly Mathis, Carolyn Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Kenneth and Elinor Place

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Lori Vandergriff



SERVING, August 6

ELDERS:

Marlo Quick, Larry Brey DIACONATE:

Jenny Baitz, Greg Baitz, David Brooks, Sue Brey, Laura Whitworth, Linda Deck, Wayne Whitworth, Christi Deck COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Wayne & Laura Whitworth COFFEE HOUR:

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

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lospitality is a very nice gift to give. To me, hospitality means a sense of penness and welcome, expressed and neasured in warmth. My Oxford ictionary says, hospitality is "the riendly and generous reception and intertainment of guests or strangers."

as a pastor I receive hospitality and its intithesis with regularity. One of the iteest expressions of hospitality are nose little hands offering a lick on an exe-cream cone, or something fished rom their mouth fresh with hot and old running saliva. Kids know about ospitality....even little ones. Il never forget a small girl driving her lectric pink Barbie Doll Corvette up to me inches from my feet and reaching over she swung open the door and said, Hey Neil, get in." I noted that she lashed her baby-and I mean BABY-lues at me, and gave a rather

Vhew! That was hospitable!...I

velcoming smile.

think....either that or she was trying to pick me up.....I told her I was married and she drove off.

Birds aren't the most hospitable creatures. Therapists could make a fortune if they could address their hedonistic and overly-self indulgent tendencies. Only a few species are hospitable. That's why this article isn't about birds.

This article is about hospitality. Actually.....it's more about an invitation to join the Regional church in Richmond to learn about hospitality from some of our most gifted teachers. I've spent a portion of the past 1 ½ years working with a Regional team to secure workshop leaders. We've done our best....we did very well. Bill Thomas, Joyce Hollyday, Dick Hamm, and Alvin Jackson know a thing or two about hospitality. They will help us lead some vital instruction on the subject. They'll be joined by a few of our regional leaders and teachers of the faith. Dan Mosley will lead Bible

Study. A group will present Hospitality Fest - a wonderful collection of all sorts of hospitable instruction and ideas. Martha Carroll will help us learn how to welcome gay and lesbian members into the church. Stephanie Crumley-Effinger will help us discern how to discern the will of God. A few of my friends will share their learning on the subject of hospitality and welcome. We'll sing, party, worship, learn, discern, and enjoy God's presence.

Come join the gathering at the feeder in Richmond

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

Visitors

July 30 & August 6

Margaret Williams

Ian Wathen (Jack Weicker's Grandson)

Mike and Karen Cook

Michael & Nancy LaPoff (From Rock of Israel)

We hope to see you all again very soon!

REGISTER NOW FOR

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 13 15, 2000

DON'T MISS OUT!!

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Thank You!!

This is the last opportunity I have to write for the Tidings this summer. I would like to take this time to thank all of you at First Christian Church here in Fort Wayne for the great amount of love and generosity that I have received since I have been here. I think it is safe to tell all of you that I had to do some research on the church before I decided to come to Fort Wayne. I had may Dad on the phone with the Indiana Regional Office asking if First Christian Church in Fort Wayne was going to be a place where I could learn, and have a good experience. I can honestly say that I could not have come to a better place to begin my journey into the ministry. This church is filled with loving and caring people that would give and give to help a friend. I will gladly say that each and every one of you at First Christian Church in Fort Wayne are my friends and not only my friends, but my family. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the support, generosity, companionship, and love that I received here at First Christian Church.

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nk You continued.

ould like to give a special thanks to be Fern Woodward for her kindness generosity. For she allowed me to in her apartment house, and put up my loud music.

also never complained about the traffic zone I created in the drive when my family would come to Jessie Fern I thank you and my thanks you for taking such good of me. I also would like to thank inia Bruckman for her love and ort, and for putting up with rge. I would also like to thank a Allen for all of her help and erosity that she gave to me and my ly. Last but not least George ckman and Neil Allen. I can not k these two men enough for the lom, support, guidance, and love ch they have shared with me over e last two and half months. I thank for the time which you have given e as a student who is learning the s of the ministry. I thank you for

bless all of you here at First Christ rch.

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om, Your Friend in Christ
Tim Akers





What's Happening Now

August 11 & 12 - Rehearsal, Decorating & Wedding

August 13 - Young Adult Sunday.

August 13 - Tim Akers' last Sunday. Come and join us for a Carry-In after worship.

Your carry-in item to bring goes by your last name:

A - H Hot Dish or Vegetable

I - P Dessert

Q - Z Salad

Meat and bread are being furnished!!

If you have any questions, please call Mary Novachcoff - 456-4767.

Come and Join us Sunday to wish Tim well and to say good-bye for now.

Looking Ahead

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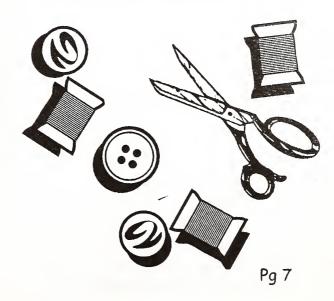


April 3 - Carry-in with guest speaker.

NEW NAME...

... for FCC sewing group is "Stitch-N-Chatter". They are seeking inexperienced hand sewers to meet on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Tuesdays of each month at 9 am at FCC.

No sewing experience needed, just willing hands. Come and join us for good fellowship while sewing. If you want more information please contact Lois at 456-8178



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORM

The Association for Research on Mothering Presents Its Fourth Annual International Conference

Mothering and Fathering: Visioning, Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Peace.

This three day conference builds on the United Nations call for a decade -- 2000 - 2010 -- be dedicated to education for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

November 3 - 4 - 5, 2000

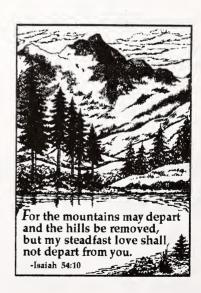
Cardinal Stritch University 6801 N. Yates Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53217, For Information: 414-445-9736

Registration available upon request. 31 Major Municipalities instigate a class action law suit against the fire arms industry.

Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, St Louis, Miami....just to mention a few, are trying to recover damages against the firearm industry. While none of the law suits have progressed very far, it does show the growing concern that action must be taken.

Firearm locks, limitations on their advertizement, and sale screens, as well as tighter registration enforcement must take place soon in order to curb some of the madness we are seeing on our streets.

For more information about the status of the litigation see www.firearmlitigation.org



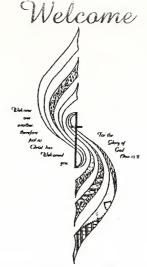
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Breakfast - 7 am
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Irish Linen, Kente Cloth Welcome Assembly Goers

The fabric and textures range through those of white satin, cotton calico, Irish linen and Kente cloth. And what they represent is "welcome" - welcome to people of all colors and styles.

"Welcome" is the theme of the Indiana Regional Assembly to be held in historic Richmond at First Christian church October 13-15,2000

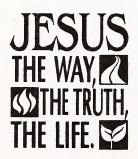
The fabric and textures are part of the colorful backdrop for the assembly fashioned by Patia Rarick and are featured on the assembly theme poster.

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The welcome theme comes from Romans 15: 7 and will pervade the biennial assembly to which all of us are welcomed and which will be a spiritual and fellowship highlight of our lives.

Indiana will welcome out-of-state speakers Joyce Hollyday, United Church of Christ theologian, and Alvin Jackson, perhaps the Disciples' most dynamic pastor, now serving at National City Christian Church in Washington DC.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, check the FCC office where registration materials now are available.



Dan Moseley of Christian
Theological Seminary will offer
the biblical study on hospitality.
Various workshops will focus on

welcoming themes including application to mission imperatives by denominational General Minister and President Richard L. Hamm, and Hoosier disciples hospitality by Regional Minister Ed Weisheimer.

Did You Know ????











Following is a list of D.M.A. activities for the next several months. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan now to attend. Always lots of fun and good fellowship!!!

September 5 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker
Sam Hayes

October 3 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker from Emily Flinn

October 14 - Bus Trip to Baer Creek Farms

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obal Ministries *I Present to You a Child of God*

nsions in Zimbabwe forced bal Ministries missionaries Tod Ana Gobledale to the U.S. in ne. Earlier, Tod shared this bry of a visit to one of the agregations they served in the mbodema District of the lited Congregational Church of uthern Africa.

eing a young girl all alone sitting wheelbarrow, he goes to greet r. "I notice she is probably nund 12 years old, but is small her age. She wears a pretty be dress. She is barefoot, she anot walk. Her legs are like tacks. Her back has a large hump. I'r mouth is slack, her eyes cant. Mr. Leso and I greet her. I thing seems to register in her

mind."

Before Tod can ask about her condition, he is called away. Soon the service begins. "There is singing, scripture reading, preaching, praying and then it is time for baptisms. There are twelve today. I work my way down the line. At the end of each baptism, I present the newly baptized with the words, 'I present to ;you so and so, a child of God.'

"At the end of the line, on the floor in a heap of tangled useless limbs, sits the girl from the wheelbarrow. Deacon Leso whispers in my ear. "We don't know who the father is and we are not sure when she was born. Both her parents are gone. She is brought here by an aunt. Can we baptize her?"

"Of course we can!" I exclaim, I repeat the ancient familiar words of baptism. I turn to Deacon Leso asking, 'Can't we pick her up?" He helps me lift her. She is

amazingly light. Holding
Nomalanga in my arms I say to the congregation, 'I present to you
Monalanga Moyo, a child of God.'
"Hallelujah! Shouts the congregation. 'Amen!" they chorus. A huge grin comes to
Nomalanga. She smiles her delight at her new family in
Christ. Tears spring to my eyes."

But the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

-Habakkuk 2:14

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

Where to look in the Bible

When...

Anxious for dear ones

Ps. 121; Luke 17

Business is poor

Ps. 37, 92; Eccl. 5

Discouraged

Ps. 23, 42, 43

Everything seems going from bad

to worse

II Tim 3; Heb. 13

Friends seem to go back on you

Matt. 5; I Cor. 13

Sorrow overtakes you

Ps. 46; Matt. 28

Tempted to do wrong

Ps 15, 19, 139; Matt 4;

James 1

Things look "blue"

Ps. 15, 19, 139; Matt. 4;

James 1

You seem too busy

Eccl. 3: 1-15

You cannot go to sleep

Ps. 4, 56, 130

You have guarreled

Matt. 18; Eph. 4; James 4

You are weary

Ps. 95; 1-7; Matt 11

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Many people quench the Spirit by being down in the mouth rather than rejoicing, by planning rather than praying, by murmuring rather than giving thanks, and by worrying instead of trusting in Him who is faithful

SERVING, August 13

ELDERS:

Larry Brey, George Bruckman

DIACONATE:

Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley, Judy Church Marilyn McDougle, Orie McDougle, Ray Stover, Shari Grier, Carolyn Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Shari Grier, Carolyn Falbe



SERVING, August 20

ELDERS:

Dick Mey, Marlene Crouse

DIACONATE:

John Bohlen, Steve Yanner Mary Novachcoff, Sue Allen, Stephanie Manter, Betty Grimm Holly Mathis, Joan Ott

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Steve Yanner, Mary Novachcoff

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Linda Deck

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:

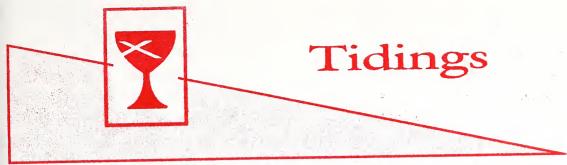
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It the feeder again...

ligh above the fire, the leaves anced in the peaceful evening. he giant sycamore hanging over ne fire pit at Barbee Christian amp has endured this scorching or nearly 50 years, but that ght it seemed to enjoy being oved by the invisible spirit. eventy-four Jr. High youth rowded together on the logs, anging and swaying to the same idivisible conductor. God was at work creating a miracle.

ve seen this miracle before, a looken band of individuals hiddled together, who've learned hat the sum of their gathering is rore than the parts they've bought. It's wonderful to

witness the coming together of community. My mind is flooded with images of individuals working together for the good of all....singing praise and making a joyful noise before the Lord.

One such image I hold sacred was a grey December morning, about 6:45 a.m.. I was standing at the window looking out over the feeder, when they began to arrive. Their scarlet feathers reminded me of the flowing gowns my professors wore on high holy days. Scarlet represented divine Spirits and blessings from God, they told me. Now, on this cold grey morning, a colorful pair of cardinal males hopped about gathering seeds, while their mates joined them at the feeder. The stark contrast of their colors against the snow made a beautiful picture. Another pair arrived and joined in...then another and a another, until 7 males and 7 females danced about in praise of the grace I had extended them.

My heart was warmed that day to witness their summer antagonism and imposed isolation at an end....their colorful image of God's Spirit-filled community dancing in the bleak background of a harsh, cold and grey Indiana December.

I pray, as we gather after our summers of travel and business, that we can recreate this holy scene in the sanctuary God has graced us. I pray our dance of faith will be as contrasting and colorful, that our unity won't be as temporal as the cold of our times.

Won't you pray and dance with me at the feeder and....

Feed on the Love of Christ,

Neil

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"For y`ou shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; and the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

Announcement...

Roger Moll Named to Regional Minister Search Committee

When Dr. C. Edward Weisheimer, current Regional Minister announced his plans to retire no later than July 31, 2001, a task force was named to begin the search for his replacement. Our very own, Roger Moll will serve on this Team. A training session will begin in the near future, and all questions and inquiries should be made through Randy Johnson, team chair.

Watch for reports in the Indiana Christian.



Hamm Sounds Alarm, Calls for New Congregations,
Revitalization
Indensed from "Communique" News
from the General Board)

recent speech to the General and, Dr. Richard Hamm sounded concern for the future of our rch. He noted that since 10,920 church have been noved from our roles. Of those 1) church 58% closed, 32 cent withdrew, 3 percent ged and 7 percent were noved because they had failed report for more than 10 years.

that rate, Hamm cited that church would be down to only 50 congregations by 2020.

avoid the decline he said that would have to start 630 in the t 20 years to begin to grow. The current rate of 10 new rches per year, we are not ping up with our declines. In called for the church to ein as many as 45 new churches any year.



Hamm cited that the other major factor in our future is the number of clergy needed. There are estimates that show our 3,347 ordained ministerial pool shrinking to 1,650 by 2018. At that rate of decline in ordained clergy many more churches would have to use alternative measures to keep functioning. Hamm called for a new initiative to find and train 210 new ministers per year. We are currently producing only about 90 new ministers each year.

Despite the declines in churches and clergy Hamm remains confident about the church. "I see a church that has faced up to its bigotry and racism and has begun to live its justice pronouncements with integrity," he said.

One way to help our church grow is to upgrade our search for persons interested in Christian ministry. As camps and conferences encourage a large portion of our young people to consider ministry as a profession,

we need to ensure a quality camp system with large attendance. Other ways to help are obvious, find people within the church that are interested and encourage them to attend seminary.



REGISTER NOW FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2000 DON'T MISS OUT!!

Thank You!!

Dear Family in Christ,
What words would be adequate to
thank those who have helped us
bear life's greatest sorrow? Your
calls, cards, hugs, and prayers
meant more than we can ever say
Thank you for sharing Christ's
kindness with us, and thank you

for helping us to celebrate so beautifully Wilbur's life.

The Peace of Christ to each of you. The Family of Wilbur Snook



Dear First Christian Church Family,

As Roger and I send Katie off to college, we would like to express how much we appreciate you. You as individuals and as a congregation have nurtured and loved her and given her a place to grow in wisdom and strength and in the knowledge of the Lord. When, we as a congregation, stand with a family and promise to support them at dedications and baptisms, we may not realize how important that promise is. Katie is an example of what an impact the people in a church can have on a child. She is much richer and deeper in faith from having been a part of First Christian than Roger and I alone could have helped her to become.

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is not easy to send your ldren into the world, knowing by may stumble and fall, but we confident that Katie has a m foundation of faith and will able to achieve her goals. The contract and wings.

In Christ,
Anne and Roger Moll



ar FCC Friends
equate words are hard to come
and Thank you does not seem
ough for all of the support,
eyers and love that our families
ceived after the tragic
cumstances of David's death.
I will never know how much
ey are appreciated by all of us.
Kenneth & Elinor Place
Deborah, D.J. & Brian Rinker



Help, Help, Help

House Warming Gifts for Habitat In order to further help our friends that will be moving into the Habitat Houses, the following items are desired to be used as House Warming Gifts.

If you care to assist with these House Warming Gifts, please have them at the FCC office <u>no later</u> than September 15.

House Hold Cleaning Products
Cleaning Rags/Sponges
Paper Products
Garden Tools
Homeowner Tool Box
Dish Towels/ Cloths
Non-Perishable Food Items
Canned Goods
Laundry Products
Broom/Dust Pan

<u>Remember</u> - Please have all House Warming Gifts to FCC office no later than <u>September 15th</u>.

Thank each of you for your help!

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What's Happening Now



August 25-Habitat Project begins. Please contact church office if you can help in any way. There is also a sign up sheet at FCC on the bulleting board at the south entrance. Please see schedule listed in this Tidings.

August 27 - Choir Sunday (A unique presentation involving all our voices.)

August 27 - Open House for Rev. Cameron Douglas recognizing 12 years of Christian Service. Huntington CC, 2 pm.

August 29 - Evangelism Ministry Team - 7 pm



August 29 - CROPWalk Meeting and Dinner - 6 pm

August 31 -Adult Choir practice begins - 7 pm

HELLO -

Wilma Miller, temporally residing in Elkhart, sends hello's and love to all of her friends in Ft Wayne at FCC.

Wilma's address is Eastlake
Terrace 3109 E. Bristol Street Apt 328 Elkhart IN 46514, she
truly enjoys hearing from her
friends at FCC.



LOOKING AHEAD

September 4 - FCC Office closed. Have a Safe Holiday.

September 1-4 - Family Camp at Barbee - Registration Deadline August 21, 2000. Please contact FCC office for form.

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Elkhart IN 46514 219/206-1049.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

		19	Ginny Johnson
2	Grace Truby Evelyn Yeoman		Mary Novachcoff
3	Jessica McBride	20	Rosalie Hall
4	Diane Mory Billy Suder	22	Lynn Medlin Brian Prechtl
7	Teresa Hatten	23	Anita Ellis
8	Katherine Smart	26	Dorothy Overmyer
9	Phyllis Lahr	28	Christi Deck
	Kris Ohneck	29	Lorrie Markley
10	Mariah Widmer		
11	Erin Proegler		
12	Rita Alexander Ruth Plummer Barb Rumple		
15	Almeda Rice		
17	Brian Ott		

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ember 10 - Sunday School Off with breakfast at am. GUEST SPEAKER: lyn Casey Reed

ember 12 - Cabinet Meeting pm

ember 12 - Board of Trustees ring - 7:30 pm

ember 14 - Choir Practice 7



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September 17 - Elder Ordination during second worship.

September 17 - Habitat House -Open House 1-4 pm. <u>Dedication 2</u> <u>pm</u>

September 18 - PRMT Meeting

September 19 - Stewardship MT 7 pm

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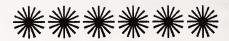
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In The Future

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October 8 - 14th Annual CROPWalk - 2 pm IPFW Campus. More information in upcoming Tidings.





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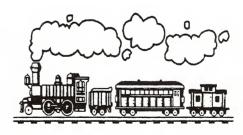
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BUILD SCHEDULE FOR HABITAT HOUSE 5310 McClellan Street

In order for you to sign up to help with this project you must be at least 14 years old

DATE	TIME	PROJECT	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED
Friday, <u>August 25</u>	8am to 12 pm	Hang Drywall	<u>8</u>
Saturday, <u>August 26</u>	8am to 5 pm	Hang Drywall & Ta	<u>pe</u> <u>20</u>
Monday – Friday August 28 – September 1	8 am to ?????	Finish Drywall	<u>6 - 8</u>
Saturday, <u>September 2</u>	8 am to 5 pm	Painting	<u>20</u>
Saturday, <u>September 9</u>	8 am to 5 pm	Interior Trim	20
Saturday, <u>September 16</u>	8 am to 6 pm	<u>Paint & Clean Up</u>	<u>25</u>
Sunday, September 17	1 pm to 4 pm	Open House and D	edication

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OR CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP TO HELP.

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itat Project continued . . .

WILL NEED HELP WITH FOOD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16. ASE CALL LARRY BREY AT 447 - 3540 FOR INFORMATION.

I CAN STILL GIVE A MONETARY GIFT TOWARDS THIS PROJECT, KE THE CHECK OUT TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MARKED FOR BITAT JECT"

ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DO LANDSCAPING. PLEASE ITACT LARRY BREY AT 447 - 3540.

ANY AMOUNT OF TIME AND TALENT THAT YOU CAN GIVE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. SO COME FOR AN HOUR OR THE WHOLE DAY. BRING YOUR FAVORITE PAINT BRUSH AND TOOLS AND A SMILE AND HELP A FUTURE FOR SOMEONE!!!

Jeff Young 563 S. Circle Dr. East 251 Earhart Hall

Warsaw IN 46580

Katie Moll

W. Lafayette IN

47906

ka, IL 61530

/ ADDRESSES

E. College Avenue

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660

ka College

467 - 6822

GOOD LUCK TO EACH OF YOU IN YOUR NEW LOCATION - YOU WILL BE MISSED!!!

SERVING, August 27

SERVING, September 3

ELDERS:

John Ohneck, Judy Mey

DIACONATE:

Nora Allen, Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley, Elinor Place, Kenneth Place, Shari Grier, Estel Vandergriff, Carolyn Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Bill and Sue Kerley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Lori Vandergriff

COFFEE HOUR

Stephanie Manter

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Becca Widmer, George Bruckman

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REMINDER:

Fall and Winter Worship Services Begin

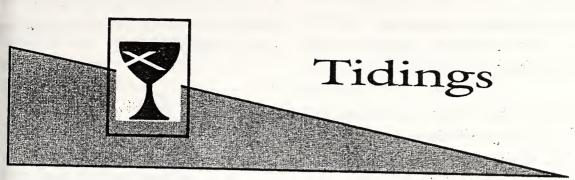
September 10th.

Early Worship - 8:15 am Sunday School - 9:30 am. Second Worship - 10:45 am

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Worship Time change begins September 10

8:15 & 10:45

Guest Preacher - Carolyn Casey Reed, Associate Regional Minister



t the feeder again . .

re been watching my backyard ition of Survivor. Food, shelter and litical coalitions are daily episodes the feeder....where surviving is not game, but a way of life. Glad that n a human...we can reason beyond r instinctual primal urges....Can't

we? Isn't that what we call civilization....isn't that what we call Christianity? I thought our money said, "In God we trust."
I do. Don't you?

Someone said the TV version of Survivor drew a larger audience than all the Democrat and Republican Convention coverage put together. *Something's wrong with that....I suppose.

I didn't watch either....well, I did see a few minutes of the candidates speeches....blah, blah, blah....promise, promise, promise.....and all of it analyzed to death.....Something's wrong with that too....I guess.

Really, they're not too different, survivor and

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conventions....competition, promises without commitment, and power moves. "It's the American way of life," someone said. I ask, "why?"

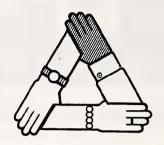
When did "we" and "they" overthrow
"us?" I didn't vote in that primary.
When did survival of the individual
become the primary national
emphasis? When did manipulation and
rigid idealism overtake "compromise"
and "compassion?" Who elected
Greed ruler of the world?

I thought Jesus took care of that issue at Calvary. I thought Jesus taught us to "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." I thought we were born anew to a living hope....to treat the "least of these" as brothers and sisters in Christ? I thought we were given the ability to rebuke sin and it would flee from us? When did we drag Jesus out of heaven and hang him back on the cross? I thought he survived that!

Surviving, Enjoying and Living, on the love and grace of Christ...and there's enough for you too!

Peace, Neil

P.S. Isn't working on a Habitat for Humanity House better than watching Survivor reruns?



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Named Regional Voting
Delegates

When the Regional Assembly meets in Richmond, Indiana on October 13 & 14, our delegates will decide on four primary business items, as well as hear about the work of our regional officers.

As part of the proceedings a number of constitutional changes will be brought to the Assembly (10 in all). A detailed list will be mailed to the participants and each church upon registration.

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re will also be issues brought wo congregations requiring ate and consideration.

Thorntown Christian Church

ringing issue over the stitutional changes and the ommended action is "referral" quired by the current stitution). The concern behind challenge to the constitution solution #2003) is voting resentation from the individual rches. Currently the board is actured by representatives in the various areas of the ion.

referral of Resolution
)03, is being recommended by
Regional Board's
ommendations Committee so
careful consideration may be
e to the representation and
lvement of our Regional
rches.

ate time is 12 minutes.

Church brings a resolution (#2002) regarding the issue of gay and lesbian ordination (currently under the discernment process). This resolution is encouraging a stronger stance against those ordinations and cites those orientations as nonbiblical and abhorrent. It also calls upon restrictions being placed on congregations and pastors that restricts teaching and requiring discipline on this subject, should persons have other opinions. The Regional **Board Recommendations** Committee suggests that the Regional Assembly disapprove this resolution. They cite that the resolution is contrary to traditional Disciples of Christ polity which emphasizes congregational autonomy and pastoral freedom. They also cite that the current regional policy is being practiced according to the 1978 prohibition of gay and lesbian persons from ordination.

Debate time is 30 minutes.

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Business item 2001 is a call by the Commission on Ministry to affirm the Regional Board's request to enter a time of discernment on the issue of ordination of gay and lesbian persons. The Regional Board took action on June 20. 2000 to direct the moderator of the region to select a task force to facilitate the process of discernment. That task force is to report to the Regional Board in November both a methodology and a time line for the process. Secondly, it is required to report its progress each Regional Board meeting until it is finished. Thirdly, it mandated the Regional Board to take no action until the completion of the process of discernment. Fourthly, it emphasized that the final action of this constitutional change (should there be a change) will be brought before the Regional Assembly.

The debate time for 2001 is 12 minutes. The next Regional Assembly is in October, 2002.

If you wish to discuss the Regional Assembly business items or offer your opinion, Pastor Allen, Rev, Carolyn Casey- Reed, Associate Regional Minister and our voting representatives will be available on September 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. They will provide a copy of the resolutions to interested persons at that time



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Habitat Houses (there are

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House Hold Cleaning Products
Cleaning Rags/Sponges
Paper Products
Garden Tools
Homeowner Tool Box
Dish Towels/ Cloths
Non-Perishable Food Items
Canned Goods
Laundry Products
Broom/Dust Pan
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What's Happening Now



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September 10 - Grandparents Day

September 12 - Cabinet Meeting 6:30 pm

September 12 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:30 pm

September 13 - Open House by the Allen county Local Education Fund - 709 Clay Street - Suite 101 from 3 - 6 pm.



September 14 - Free Senior
Information Fair - 12 noon until 9
pm at community Center 233 W.
Main Street. Put on by FW Parks
& Recreation Dept. for Seniors,
Adults, Caregivers, Professionals.
For additional information contact
FCC office.

September 14 - "Good News Singers" practice 6 pm

September 14 - Choir Practice 7 pm

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LOOKING AHEAD

September 15-17, 2000 - Barbee Men's Retreat. Theme: "Dining with Jesus". Call church office for additional information.

September 17 - Elder Ordination during second worship.

September 17 - Habitat House -Open House 1-4 pm. <u>Dedication 2</u> <u>pm</u>

September 18 - PRMT Meeting 7 pm

September 19 - Stewardship MT 7 pm

September 19 - Finance MT 7 pm

September 19 - All Budgets Due.

September 20 - Third Wednesday Worship (TWW) 6-7:30 pm

September 21 - "Good News Singers" practice - 6 pm



September 21 - Adult Choir 7 pm

September 25 - Walk To Bethlehem Meeting - 7 pm

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ovember 14 - Carry-in
at FCC with speaker
Rev. Patricia Mullins

secember 5 - Carry-in at FCC
with Christmas Exchange
inuary 2 - Surprise activity details at a later date.

Valentine Party.

arch 6 - Visit to the

Conservatory

o<u>ril 3</u> - Carry-in with guest speaker.

<u>ay 8</u> - Box Lunch and tour of Railroad Station





Global Ministries

To Understand Structures that Perpetuate Injustice . . .

Global Ministries missionaries Nathan and Martha Knoll are teachers at Kodaikanal International School in India. They write about some of the ways the school is seeking to expose their students, many of whom come from the rich, upper caste group, to the realities of life outside the academic environment of the school.

The Social Experience Department was formed to organize a program of interactive social service experiences with the local community, long-term projects in certain target vilages, and field trips to learn more about issues of social justice and to develop a sense of compassion towards the poor.

Global Ministries Continued

One of the long-term projects is in the tribal village of Siruvattukadu. There the students, as one of their activities, helped to install a drinking water system which is powered by a solar water pump. The Knolls write; "Over the past three years of their involvement in this village, the students learned how it feels to be oppressed by poverty and witnessed the injustices created by the caste system. As a result, they decided to give the key to the water pump to one of the poorest and lowest caste families in the village. Having control over the village water supply, a vital resource for both rich and poor, empowered the poor of the village. The tribal people of Siruvattukadu, in a small way, have a greater sense of power over their own destiny and means of improving their status in the village.

The students of the Kodaikanal International School, through exposure to the world around them, are learning to understand structures that perpetuate injustice, violence, and oppression in society, between nations, religions, and cultures, and to consider their future roles within there structures

Thank You ...



Dear Friends at FCC

Thank you for the donation of items and money to the Associated Churche Children Feeding Children project.

The items will fill backpacks with so many wonderful items and will bring joy to all the children who receive them. The filled backpacks were distributed to the Women's Shelter and the FW Fire Department. The Fire Department will give a backpack to children who have lost items in a fire.

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Thank you continued

love and concern for others that you have generously displayed with your gifts. On behalf of the children who receive them, thank you very much.

Following are letters of thank you from children who have received backpacks through Children Feeding Children.

Sincerely,
Ellen Graham
Program Development
Associated Churches of FW
and Allen County

"I would like to thank the people who put together the book bags, it is really nice. And I was surprised to see all the goodies inside. I don't know why you all did this, but it is a good idea, so please keep doing it so others can be as lucky as me and get one next time." Alyssa Brown - 5th Grade Glenwood Park School

"Thank you for the book bag and supplies. My Mom can't afford it. She'll be happy too. Michael Mullikin

"I like the book bag. Its very nice. I wonder how you came up with that idea? I really will enjoy the book bag.
THANK YOU!"
Shannon

"I was really happy that Mr. Simmons picked me to get a book bag. I was even more surprised when I tried to pick it up and saw how heavy it was. Then I looked in it to see all the wonderful things in there. The people who put the book bags together deserve a hand for making kids so happy, to bad every kid can't get one, because I know they would like it. Thank you for the book bag and keep up the good work, that is keep the book bags rolling." Robby - Grade 5 - Glenwood School

Article continued

"To the nice people who gave us the supplies - From Travis - 5th Grade

THANK YOU FOR THE BOOK BAG AND FOLDERS"

"Thank you a lot - I am speech less" From Lucia Lopez

"Thank you for the purple book bag. I bring it to school each day." Ford Keefer



"This book bag is cool, with nice gifts inside. You people must really love kids to do this. I was really happy Mr. Simmons picked me. Thanks again to you people from putting the book bags together." Lejo Neri - Grade 3 - Glenwood Park

"Thank you for the book bag.
Thank you for all the stuff in the book bag."
Deonte Cooper

"Thank you very much for the book bag and supplies. I am surprised." Korvell

The following was drawn by the sender in the shape of a heart. "Certificate of Appreciation. This certificate is presented to: The persons who demonstrated what true love is by giving me a brand new book bag and all the other nice things. THANK YOU!!"

Delrick - Stucky Elementary





SENILITY PRAYER

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do,

and the eyesight to tell the difference.

NOW THAT I AM OLDER, HERE IS WHAT I HAVE LEARNED:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned to prunes and All Bran.

I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded!

All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, Where is it??

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Some days you are the dog, and some days your are the hydrant.

I wish the buck stopped here. I sure could use a few.

Kids in the back-seat cause accidents; Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Only time the world beats a path to your door is if your are in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees!! When you are finally holding all the cards, why does everyone else decide to play chess?

Its not hard to meet expenses - they are everywhere. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

God, please help me grow old graciously. Amen.

BUILD SCHEDULE FOR HABITAT HOUSE 5310 McClellan Street

You must be 14 years of age to sign up to help with this project.

			# of workers needed
Saturday,			
<u>September 9</u>	8 am to 5 pm	<u>Interior Trim</u>	<u>20</u>
Saturday, September 16	8 am to 6 pm	Paint & Clean Up	<u>25</u>
Sunday, <u>September 17</u>	1 pm to 4 pm (2 pm	Open House Dedication)	

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OR CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP TO HELP.

WE WILL NEED HELP WITH FOOD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16. PLEASE CALL LARRY BREY AT 447 - 3540 FOR INFORMATION.

YOU CAN STILL GIVE A MONETARY GIFT TOWARDS THIS PROJECT, MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MARKED FOR "HABITAT PROJECT"

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DO LANDSCAPING. PLEASE CONTACT LARRY BREY AT 447 - 3540.

<u>4NY</u> AMOUNT OF TIME AND TALENT THAT YOU CAN GIVE S GREATLY APPRECIATED. SO COME FOR AN HOUR OR THE VHOLE DAY. BRING YOUR FAVORITE PAINT BRUSH AND OOLS AND A SMILE AND HELP A FUTURE FOR SOMEONE!!!

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## Prayer Concerns

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804 Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care Harold Cline.

Andy Cook -Parkview Hospital Room 1214-1

Jim Dixon - Uncle of Jenny Baitz - Tumor Ressie Ehresman Reba Fusselman Janette Grier - Emphysema Leotha Jones - Improving

Jackie Keller - At Home

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Josh Richardson Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel. Lila Russell - Broken Ankle Bruce Stone Erma Vanderwall - Healing

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Mary Wilhelm - Foot Surgery Wednesday, August 30. Doing very well.

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PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

#### SERVING, SEPTEMBER 10

Grandparents Day

**ELDERS** 

8:15 AM

Marlene Crouse, Barb Hayes

10:45 am

Charlie Hatten, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Betty Grimm,

Delores Keebortz, Ray Stover

10:45 am

Estel Vandergriff, Linda Deck,

Christi Deck, Judy Church,

Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley,

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Roger Moll, Estel Vandergriff

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Neil Allen

NOTE: Don't forget

Sunday School Kick-Off

with Breakfast - Sept 10th.

9:30 am

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George Bruckman, Marlo Quick

10:45 am

Dick Mey, Judy Mey

DIACONATE

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casionally Nora and I work on eders together. I love the company it's always nice to have a new idea two. She's great about thinking side the lines. Four eyes see more in two. I think I actually saw a dfinch smile the other day.

at's why I'm so excited to have bara Rathbun on staff. She has much to offer FCC. Her colorful I fresh look at worship has already d huge dividends in gained time for . That happen on the first week!!!! DW....look out...... here we come!

s amazing what an extra pair of
ids and a willing heart can
complish in a short time. It's the
ne thing I witness each time we go
the Habitat home to work.

Wow.....and now it's finished!!!! Thanks to all the special workers. You were awesome.

The amazing thing about sharing our gifts is how quickly and wonderfully improvements get accomplished. It is an awesome thing to witness people pulling together for a common cause....I think someone called that "Christianity!"

Well, we've got fish fries, stewardship campaigns, and youth groups to get fired up, and this is the season for joining forces. Thanks in advance for all your help. God's blessing on you and the ministries we perform together. Blessings on Barbara and her many gifts.

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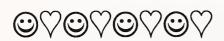
Life is good at the feeder....It's a blessing to feed on the love of Christ,

Neil

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light!"



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eprayer Ministries coming to FCC SOON !!!!!

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There will be a concert following the walk. Invite your friends and enjoy several local Christian bands from 2:30 - 4 pm.

Bring chairs or blankets and join us at Walb Plaza, next to Gates Sports Center.

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Some of the topics covered will include, "Growing up with Violence," "Children and Communion," "The Child Friendly Church" & "Faith Formation in Children." There are many more topics too! Among the leaders of the conference is our very own Dr. Richard Hamm (Honored Minister of First Christian), Dr. Claudia Ann Highbaugh (Chaplain at Harvard Divinity School), Anna Rhee (Director of Religious Affairs at the Children's Defense Fund, David Edwards (Disciple Pastor), Saundra Bryant (Executive Director of All People's Christian Center) and Karen-Marie Yust (Assistant Professor of Christian Education at CTS).

To register log on to www.childrenwelcome.org

Thanks Teresa for your hard work!!!!

Teresa also helps lead Children Worship and Wonder at First Christian each Sunday. This is a learning and worshiping experience for younger children, leading them into the presence of God through interactive stories and wonder.

To learn more about those experiences, classes are offered throughout the Region.

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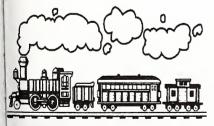
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OUTREACH SURVEY
COMING SOON!!!
Thanks in advance for your help.

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# Global Ministries Education Can Correct Misinformation

Larry and Tim Colvin are on home assignment after three years in Botswana, where they began a new assignment last January in response to the church's bold new plan to address the AIDS pandemic. They were reassigned to serve as HIV/AIDS educators, facilitating the church's response, in a country where it is estimated 25% of the population and 1./3 of the youth (those between ages 15 & 35) are HIV+. Hospitals report 50% of all pregnant women are HIV+ and 80% of all hospital beds are occupied by those suffering from AIDS-related diseases. beyond the statistics there is the suffering of families, the economic and political impact of "lost generation" will have in the future, and problems of attempting to raise a generation of orphans.

"One of the biggest barriers to changing the situation appears to be culture and traditions," the Colvins write. "Talk of sex is taboo, but promiscuity is rampant. Women, considered second-class citizens, are dependent on men and often on sex for their daily survival. Traditional healers still hold great influence in the community, often claiming to be able to cure AIDS when in reality they may infect others and/or aggravate the existing condition."

"But", they note, "we are learning that culture is not static and that education can correct misinformation." Their ministry will help churches become AIDS Active Congregations as they develop mission programs to target four areas: Education for Prevention to help parents and other adults discuss sex with children: Removal of the Sigma to help churches become open and affirming of those with AIDS; Home-based Care to train volunteers to help those living with AIDS and support caregivers; and After Care which focuses on those left behind by the disease.





# Habitat Dedication Big Success

Over 100 people from all around stopped by at 5310 and 5304 McClellan street to witness the dedication of Fort Wayne's newest homes. The Habitat for Humanity and First Christian Project was successful, in that we were able to accomplish our task in a short time frame.

Tina Richards, the Habitat Partner that will be purchasing the home, thanked First Christian for the many wonderful gifts of time and energy. In a tearful response she drew her boys close and talked about how grateful she was to God. Habitat for Humanity presented Tina with a symbolic key, a real Bible, an

struction manual, and a necessary unger. There were applause and ars from every corner.

rst Christian had many gifts iven privately) to share with na. One was selected that mbolized the "tools" she was uipped with in the building of the rhome. A tool box and tools presented a "hand up" not a and out" as Habitat ternational loves to report.

na said, "I want to come to urch and say thank you." I gave r a pastoral hug and told her 'd all appreciate that.

ank you Larry Brey and crew for outreach project well done.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in helieving, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



# Visitors September 10 & 17

Jan Plummer Brodie
Marietta, GA
Carolyn Arnold
Tallahassee, FL
Valerie Kimball
Brittany Varney
Huntington, IN

WELCOME!!
We hope to see you all again very soon.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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#### SERVING, September 24

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

George Bruckman, John Ohneck

10:45 am

Judy Mey, Marlo Quick

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Nora Allen, Betty Grimm,

Delores Keebortz, Joan Ott

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Graig Baitz, Jenny Baitz, David Brooks,

Carolyn Falbe, Shari Grier,

Kenneth Place, Elinor Place,

Evelyn Yeoman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Kenneth & Elinor Place

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Vandergriff

COFFEE HOUR

Christi Deck

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Nora Allen, Christi Deck, Linda Deck, Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley, Estel Vandergriff, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Orie & Marilyn McDougle CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Marlo Quick, Holly Mathis, Becca Widmer, Wayne Whitworth

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# In Memory of Andrew C. Cook

At the feeder again...

I that the Olympics are over I've overed my life again. I've been d to the set late at night to ch a collection of sports that are looked and undervalued. Yes, I've ered as our basketball teams won, I've lived a lifetime in the face of my Freeman, who, for all practical moses was an unknown two weeks. She represented her country, stralia and every amateur athlete dignity and grace.

who among us will remember the rifle gold metal winner?....I DON'T LEMBER HER!?!....But I recall that won the first gold of these 2000

Olympics, and that she was from the United States. How will the judges value my answer? Will I get style points?

What I've rediscovered in this two weeks is the degree and control big money has on our understanding of athleticism and sport. I turned over to ESPN radio as I did my rounds. What I heard sickened me. The Olympics were an afterthought. The announcers joked about trampoline exercises and field hockey. It was all a joke....back to the "real" sports and our multimillion dollar heros!

While the world plays badminton and Boche our "B" sports never reach beyond baseball and basketball.....Oh, and let the world know, WE won gold metals in those!

As I listened to the jokester's I realized once more how big money gambling interests have developed a sick culture of voyeuristic athletic gaming, that has a choke hold on our appreciation of sport, and keeps us from the value and joy of variety.

Somewhere between the commercials I awoke from the hypnotic trance just in time to watch a young man from Montana do some very bad cartwheels across the wrestling mat. Who had cared 6 minutes before his match that he was facing a seasoned pro from Russia?....and after he won, did anyone see the pain on the face of that sensitive Russian Alexander Kruitin? He had given his very best for himself and his country....I saw the face of Peter looking up at the cross of Jesus in that man's eyes. He had lost all hope....and my heart broke for him, even as it tumbled on the mat with a young man from Montana.

There is only one way to break away from this world of big money sports machine....go feed the birds and run down the street as fast as I can.....let me feel my muscles again...Dear Lord....and let me enjoy the variety of play and the celebrate our world's

greatest....regardless of their country. Let me see in bird and flower the diversity and consider the creativity of skill the world loves.

Feeding on the Love of Christ,....and heading to the bowling alley!

Neil

# eprayer Ministries coming to FCC SOON !!!!!



WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN'S NEWEST MEMBER -KENNETH W. SPILLERS



Heeeeeeeere's Barbara !!! ear First Christian Friends.

ust a few months ago, I received
n invitation to serve this
ommunity as its student associate
astor. Now I've been among you
or three whole weeks, and I'm
njoying learning your names and

tories. I'm also learning my way round the church building. If you ind me standing in a hallway ooking confused, please point me the right direction!

What would you like to know about 1e? A few technical details: I'm in 1y fourth year as a M.Div. student to Christian Theological Seminary 1 Indianapolis. I've been married or 33 years, and we've made our

home in Fort Wayne since the summer of 1986. We share our home with our five-year-old Siamese cat, Sabrina. I grew up in Oak Park, Illinois, just west of Chicago. My husband and I love to travel-we say we're spending our retirement two weeks at a time!

My home church is Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC, in downtown Fort Wayne. I've served St. Peter's First UCC in Huntington as a student pastor, and Faith UCC in Fort Wayne as an interim pastor. First Christian Church is my first DOC congregation, but since I have had friends here for many years, I don't feel much like a stranger.

I haven't had many experiences as a pastor, but among my favorites are planning and leading worship and counseling conversations.

Music is a particular joy for me, and I understand worship to be one of the ways we sing our faith before God. My assignment here for the next school year is to plan the worship services for Sunday mornings and other occasions.

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I'm looking forward to learning and working among you. Please drop in on Mondays and introduce yourself. It will take me a while to learn all your names, but I'm looking forward to the new friendships that this ministry promises.

In Christ's service,

Barbara M. Rathbun



# What's Happening Now

October 5 - Project Reads - 3:45 - 5pm

October 6 & 7 - Rehearsal, Decorating & Wedding



October 8 - Installation of Student Minister -Barbara Rathbun with reception following in the Parlor.

October 8 - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CROPWalk - 2 pm 5K (3.1) mile walk/run around IPFW Campus. NEW LOCATION - NO walking downtown!!! Registration begins at 1:30 pm at the Gates Sports Center.

There will be a concert following the walk. Invite your friends and enjoy several local Christian bands from 2:30 - 4 pm.

Bring chairs or blankets and join us at Walb Plaza, next to Gates
Sports Center. Bring a can of food for the Associated Churches Food Bank system. For more information call 422-3528



ctober 9 - Finance MT will meet begin to prepare the 2001 udget and review the September 00 Financial Report - 7 pm

ctober 10 - Cabinet Meeting :30 pm

ctober 10 - Board of Trustees -:30 pm

ctober 12 - Project Reads -45 to 5 pm



# kegional Assembly

Rihmond welcome mat is out, but the is running short . . . .

Te welcome mat is out in "rstoric" Richmond for the Irliana Disciples regional assembly Otober 13-15. But time is running

short to make arrangements to attend.

Check the church office for information about schedule, car pool possibilities and motels.

Remember, this is the opportunity to hear the Disciples' most dynamic preacher, Alvin Jackson (Friday night), United Church of Christ activist theologian Joyce Hollyday (Saturday) and soon-to-retire Indiana regional minister Ed Weisheimer (Sunday).

"Welcome" is the theme of the assembly to be held in Richmond's First Christian Church downtown (or what Richmondites call "uptown")

The welcome theme comes from Romans 15:7 and will be the focus of sermons and workshops.

Dan Moseley of Christian
Theological Seminary will offer the
biblical study on hospitality.
Weisheimer will do a work shop on
Hoosier hospitality and
denominationall General Minister

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and President Richard L. Hamm one on how the Disciples mission fits the hospitality theme.

Worship and choirs will be inspirational, with TV actor Bill Thomas leading the singing. Don't let this wonderful opportunity for a truly spiritual sharing with other Hoosiers slip by!



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Fellowship at North Christian
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mission study on Mexico and
because they will have a wonderful
speaker who is coming to tell about
her woman-to-woman experiences
in Mexico and because they will
have some "delicioso" Mexican
recipes... They are inviting you
(their friends at FCC) to join them
at their "Viva, Mexican" luncheon

on Saturday, October 28, 2000 at 12 noon.

The speaker is Joyce Coalson from Indianapolis who let a group of 13 Disciples women on a 14-day journey to several sites in Mexico, meeting women and learning their concerns.

Reservation deadline is October 20, 2000, call 482-1596. Location of luncheon is North CC, 5201 Camden Drive, Fort Wayne. Reservations are \$5.00,



Habitat for Humanity

Thank You !!!
To the members of the church family.

My family and I would just like to say THANK YOU for your support in our new home. Than you for all the hard work you did on my house,

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and to all the ladies that made all the wonderful food for the crews. ITHANK YOU !!! If it wasn't for such a wonderful church all of this would not be possible. Thank you for everything you've done for us.

God bless all of you. And thank you all again for everything.

Tina, Jared & Chase Richards



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Dinner featuring Ed Fox 4-7 pm.

<u>Tickets are on sale now</u>. Contact
Sally Rudy or FCC office.







Monday, October 23 - Indiana conference on Fathers & Families.



For registration information contact FCC office. Pre-registration \$35, after September 30 registration will be \$50. Registration deadline is October 15, 2000.

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ecently, seven couples completed ne prepare segment and all have enefitted from the experience. It the end of the sessions articipants will receive a work ook entitled "Building A Strong arriage.". Assertiveness skills be built with Active Listening kills. communication techniques be learned in an experiential ormat, followed by feedback from the pastor.

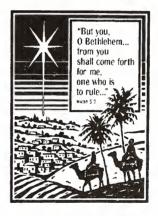
he goals of Prepare/Enrich are to elp you:

- ~Explore your relationship strength and growth areas.
- ~Strengthen your communication skills, including assertiveness and active listening.
- ~Explore your relationship and families of origin issues with the Couple and Family Map.
- ~Develop a workable budget and financial plan.
- ~Develop your personal, couple, and family goals.

I FCC for an appointment.

If you would like to be a part
of
Couples Retreat 2001
contact
Pastor Neil Allen soon.
Plans are in the works!!

### Walk to Bethlehem



Walk to Bethlehem 2000 is underway!! Mark your calendars for December 8 and 9. The miniature nativities will be on display in the afternoon from 2-4 pm as well as in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm along with the regular tour of the outdoor scenes and marketplace in Fellowship Hall.

The need to witness to our faith Page 9

through Walk to Bethlehem has never been greater than it is now. As we plan, we pray for those who need to see and hear the message of God's love made known to us in the birth of Jesus. We want this sixth offering of First Christian Church to the community at Christmas to be a very special one.

You can help in may ways. Some are listed below. Please contact the church office - 744-3239- or Judy Church - 447-5691.

~Dried weeds for the Marketplace. ~Special breads (Talk to

Linda Deck)

~Actors, Actresses
(Adults & Children) for a
new TV showing on Access
Fort Wayne Channels 55 &
57 - (Talk to Eric Mory,

Producer/ Director)



#### Did You Know ????

There have been some changes made on the D.M.A. schedule. Please read following schedule carefully.

Always lots of fun and good fellowship!!!

October 14 - Bus Trip to

Bear Creek Farms - Bus
leaves at 9:30 am !!!

November 14 - Carry-in at FCC with speaker Dottie Collins from the Ft Wayne Daizies.

<u>December 5 -</u> Carry-in at FCC with Christmas Exchange

<u>January 2</u> - Carry-in at FCC with speaker Rev. Patricia Mullen

<u>February 6</u> - Carry-in with Valentine Party.

<u>March 6</u> - Visit to the Conservatory

April 3 - Carry-in with guest speaker.

May 8 - Box Lunch and tour of Railroad Station



# OUTREACH SURVEY COMING SOON!!!

Thanks in advance for your help.



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See following article.

# Butler University

Butler University is pleased to announce a scholarship for members of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. This scholarship is designed to "aid worthy members of the Christian Church in securing an education."

Our very own Kyle Kerley is a recent recipient of this scholarship.

Students who are members of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ that are in the ferten percent of their high school class, have 1100 or higher composite SAT scores (24 or higher ACT) and demonstrate leadership in school, community and church activities, are invited to submit applications.

For more information, please contact church office.



From Associated Churches

Following is an excerpt from "Ecumemo", the newsletter from Associated Churches, written by Vernon R. Graham, Executive Pastor.

"Our teachers are planning to open our 57<sup>th</sup> year of the Weekday Religious Education Program in the schools of our community. We are expecting over 7,000 boys and girls in the Page 11 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes to learn more about their relationship with God, pray together for the many needs of the children, and to study more about Christian values and morals. Using the Bible as their textbook, these non-denominational religious materials will examine the Old and New Testaments in the three years of classes. The Life of Jesus will be central to their developing and understanding of faith.

In order to make this ministry happen, we at Associated Churches, need your help. Each year, it becomes harder and harder to fund this ministry. Foundations don't want to fund religious programs. The children's collection doesn't begin to meet the need. The churches seem to have harder and harder times supporting it. Yet, to survive on the long term, we need our supporters' help now. Please consider sponsoring one or more children at \$20. A gift of \$100 would

help five boys and girls change their hearts and lives. This is especially true in that 1.2 of the children are unchurched that attend the classes.

We as Christians have a precious gift that so few communities in the country have to offer their boys and girls. Let us support this ministry."

In Christ, Vern





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## Prayer Concerns

The family of Andrew C. Cook. Andy dies on September 22 and has been a member at FCC since February, 1959.

The family of Don McEvoy, grandfather of Megan.

Don died on Monday, October 2, 2000

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804 Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care Harold Cline.

Ressie Ehresman Reba Fusselman Ellen Graham - Mother of Linda Stover - Hospitalized with medication problems. Janette Grier - Emphysema

Jackie Keller - At Home

Betty Lanning - Sister of Sue Brickley - Cancer

Charles & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller - Nursing Care

Wilma Miller - Eastlake Terrace - 3109 E. Bristol St - Apt 328

Elkhart IN 46514 219/206-1049.

Rena Pilz - Surgery for ovarian cancer October 12.

Emma Phillips - Fell on Saturday Sept. 30 and broke arm. Surgery on Monday Oct. 2 to repair extensive damage to arm and shoulder.

Josh Richardson Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel. Lila Russell Bruce Stone

Erma Vanderwall

Leotha Jones

Edna Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 105!!

Brittany York - Granddaughter of Tom & Laura - 6 yrs. old - Leukemia

# SERVING, October 8

## SERVING, October 15

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse

10:45 am

Linda Stover, Larry Brey

8:15 am

Delores Keebortz, Roger Moll,

Joan Ott, Paul Yentes

10:45 am

Sue Allen, Sue Brey, Stephanie Manter, Holly Mathis, Rena Pilz, Ray Stover, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth

#### COMMUNION PREPARATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Neil Allen
COFFEE HOUR - Reception in
the Parlor for Barbara Rathbun

#### ELDERS

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Bill Franklin, Barb Hayes

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Charlie Hatten, Bill Kerley, Donna Heimann, Sue Kerley, Dick Mey, Sally Rudy

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

don't know which is more annoying, e bees that want to share my puntain Dew, or the ice-cream ucks that play those innocuous ngs - OVER AND OVER AND OVER d drive down our street 300 times lay! But, THERE IS A GOD, and on the cold weather will drive them om our lives till the temperatures rm, the clothes shorten and the ys lengthen. Till then, we'll steal a w private moments in the fleeting rmth of "Indian Summer."

these cooler days of crisp apples d juicy tomatoes, we can enjoy a rvest of fresh pumpkins and acorn lash. This weather is the most inderful, and I enjoy our strolls bund the block. The air is crisp and e silence as golden as the sunsets.

It's a great time of the year to value our blessings and consider securing our nests lest the cold take our health. The squirrels are bunching leaves and the sparrows beefing up for the days ahead. Thought I saw a Finch selling time-shares to a Robin the other day, but after cleaning the window, I discovered my error.

Speaking of comfortable nests, we'll need to dress a bit warmer and try our best not to burn extra lights and heat. They say this will be a vicious winter at the mailbox when the gas and electric bills arrive. Actually, it's already starting. We got an electric bill for over \$800 the other day! WOW! Had to go around and check things out after that.

You may not be aware but our gas bill is \$566 per month! Opened windows

and higher thermostat settings need to be avoided. You can help us, by turning off lights and being careful about the heat. We (the staff) will try to make your visits comfortable without being overly generous....or should I say....we'll be better stewards.

Thanks for your help....Ok....you can go back to the feeder now.....

Feeding on the love of Christ,

#### Neil

"...well done good and trustworthy servant; you have been faithful in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of our Master..." Matthew 25:21b)





## Congratulations !!!

To Charles and Teresa Hatten on their receiving the "HOPE" Award from Y.W.C.A. on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see article in morning F paper on the 16th.



### Thank You !!!

Thank you all very much for remembering my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was moved by the many expressions of love and enjoyed laughing at my aging self.

Peace in Christ, Neil lear FCC Family
We thank you everyday for the lessings he has bestowed on us and our daughter Barb. She is oing so well and feels so much etter since her transplant that he is like a new person.

llso, we thank you all for your rayers, your many cards and for ll your good wishes.

ou have sustained us through a ery trying period. We thank God or you all and for this wonderful ift he has given us.

Max, Lois, Tony, Justin, and Barb



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BETTER THAN THE ONE LAST
MAY!!!

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7 pm
October 24 - "Women's Night Out"
with "Weekender Clothing" and
"Mary Kay" together for a fun
evening for the ladies. contact
Kris Ohneck. 6:30 pm in Fellowship
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October 29 - Barb Rathbun speaking for both worship services. All Saints Day

October 29 - Stewardship presentation "Giving out of Love" 4 pm

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# Looking Ahead

November 5 - Northern Lights Area Assembly 2-5 pm (Registration 2-2:30 pm) Marion, In. Refreshments served - <u>NO</u> <u>dinner.</u>

Workshops:

- ~ "The Brush Stroke of Love"
- ~ "Help! This is more than I can Handle" What is Assisted Living All About"
- ~ "Fund-Raising 101 Flinn and Beyond"
- ~ "Try It, Mikey Likes It!"
- ~ "Caring at Home"
- ~ "SHIIP"

Please contact FCC office for additional information regarding Area Assembly and Workshops Registrations.

12 Days of Christmas
"Wish List" for
Emily Flinn Home
Continued . . .

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(Suggested that items listed below be taken to Area Assembly)

Hair Brushes / Combs Toothbrushes / Paste Talcum? Baby Powder Candy Canes Mouthwash Kleenex (Both pocket and larger sizes) Shampoo / Cream Rinse **Emery Boards** Cotton Balls Greeting Cards (Especially Birthday) Wrapped Candies (Some Sugar Free) 2001 Calendars (Large Print) Hand / Body Lotion Safety Razors Shaving Cream Soft-grip Pens Stationary Men's White Tube Socks Ladies Hose (Knee-Hi and Thigh-

November 7 - Election Day

November 7 - Christian Education MT 9 am

SPECIAL NOTE:

November 12 - "Inheritance Planning" Seminar - 6 pm. dinners will be served - Reservations Required. Deadline for dinner reservations November 5. Please contact church office.

November 12 - CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) - 7 pm

November 19 - ALL YOUTH and CHILDREN - following Harvest Dinner - going Bowling or Skating. Bring \$4.00. Don't miss out on this fun event.



# Word about Worship

In Sunday, October 29th, we will e celebrating All Saints Day. We ft up the people we think of as aints of the church-the ones who ave done something amazing and ourageous in our history. We also ecognize other saints: those from ur own congregation who have lessed us with their gifts, and ho have been blessed by God in any ways. The third part of this orship of thanksgiving is elebrating today's work in the orld, and those people who look orward to the future of the hurch, the world, and the

embers of our local congregation ho have died in the past year. We ould like to make sure that we ave everyone's names correctly oted. If you know of a First hristian Church member whose ame is not listed below, please otify the church office no later nan Friday, October 27. We will wite family members to come orward during the time of

le will be remembering those

ommunity of God.

remembrance and celebration to light a candle honoring their loved one

Dorothy Green October 11, 1999

Charles Wrisk October 16, 1999

Glenn D. Miller March 16, 2000

Ruth Truesdell March 28, 2000

Laura York March 2, 2000

Janet Weicker April 2, 2000

Ilene Blauvelt March 29, 2000

Harold Nordblom April 5, 2000

Charles "Bud" Ludwig April 22, 2000

Bernice Montgomery May 12, 2000 David Rinker June 21, 2000

Wilbur Snook July 10, 2000

Andrew C. Cook September 22, 2000



# A Gift from Your Heart to Mine

What a warm and wonderful welcome you have given me! I will treasure your gifts of friendship and faith in the months ahead as we gather together to praise God, share the Word, and live in God's world. Sunday's worship, when you all installed me as your associate minister, was particularly special, with music carefully and lovingly chosen and sung; wonderful words; and a loving spirit. Thanks to Mary, Sally, Jesse Fern, Linda and Ray, and all who helped with the gracious and delicious reception. It was a delightful time, with an opportunity

to speak to many of you. Thank ye for your friendship and your encouragement of my ministry.

In Christ's service, Barbara



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#### YOU ARE INVITED!

Your Children Are Invited!

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP (CCF)

ARE INVITED!

Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF)

Are Invited!

YOU ALL ARE INVITED!!!

TO

# HARVEST FELLOWSHIP\*\*\*

AT DICK and JUDY MEY'S HOUSE.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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TEN I

5:00 pm -????

Things For You to Bring:

Your Fellowship

Lawn Chair for by the Camp Fire (Weather Permitting)

Otherwise the house will be warm and toasty!

A Covered Dish to Share

Singing Voice (Good or Bad) for Around the Camp Fire

(If to Chilly for Outside - Singing Will Be Inside)

**PLUS** 

We Will Have Games and a Story Time

\*\*\*Replacing Tail Gate Party

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Wilma Miller - Eastlake Terrace - 3109 E. Bristol St - Apt 328

Elkhart IN 46514 219/206-1049.

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Emma Phillips - Fell on Saturday Sept. 30 and broke arm. Surgery on Monday
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Josh Richardson
Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel
Lila Russell
Bruce Stone

Erma Vanderwall

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# Pray for World Peace

Assertiveness skills are built with Active Listening skills.
Communication techniques are learned in an experiential format, followed by feedback from the pastor.

The goals of Prepare/Enrich are to help you:

~Explore your relationship.

~Strengthen your communication skills, including assertiveness and active listening.

~Explore your relationship and families of origin issues with the Couple and Family Map.

~Develop a workable budget and financial plan.

~Develop your personal, couple and family goals.

Call FCC for an appointment.



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Walk to Bethlehem 2000 is underway!! Mark your calendars for December 8 and 9. The miniature nativities will be on display in the afternoon from 2-4 pm as well as in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm along with the regular tour of the outdoor scenes and marketplace in Fellowship Hall.

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You can help in may ways. Some are listed below. Please contact the church office - 744-3239- or Judy Church - 447-5691.

~Dried weeds for the
Marketplace.
~Special breads (Talk to
Linda Deck)
~Actors, Actresses
(Adults & Children)
for a new TV showing on
Access Fort Wayne Channels
55 & 57 - (Talk to Eric

Mory, Producer/ Director)

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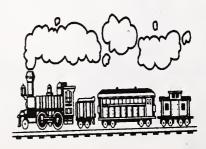
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Phyllis Green - W Va Jack & Vicki Rouch Ray Laughlin Lorrie Gaeretz Marcella Patrick Miles, Shiela & Wes Martinez

ctober 1

Evelyn Kratzat Stokley & Ann Cowell Bernadine Brey - WI Samatha Chepenor

ctober 8

Nancy Watkins - CA
Sunny Crouch - KA
Clement & Flora Meyers
Mr & Mrs Dennis Schebig
Brigg Paris

ctober 15

Temeka Rowles
Grady & Dawn Vanderwall
and Children

# WELCOME!!

We hope to see you all again very soon.

#### **NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?**

Visit our Disciples Colleges and Institutions on the web at <u>WWW.disciples.org</u> links to 21 organizations.

See following article.

**Butler University** 

Butler University is pleased to announce a scholarship for members of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. This scholarship is designed to "aid worthy members of the Christian Church in securing an education."

Our very own Kyle Kerley is a recent recipient of this scholarship.

Students who are members of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ that are in the top ten percent of their high school class, have 1100 or higher composite SAT scores (24 or higher ACT) and demonstrate leadership in school, community and church activities, are invited to submit applications.

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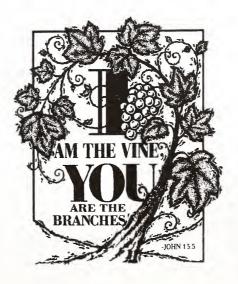
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# CROPWalk 2000

(Excerpt's from letter dated October 13, 2000)

Dear Friends

Thank you for your participation in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Allen county CROPWalk. In 1999, there were 423 walkers from 31 congregations. This year we counted 541 walkers (so far) from 44 congregations. Last year's income was \$22,217. to dat we have pledges for over \$26,200, which is an 18% increase. Praise God!

Please return any unused walker envelopes, our office is open form 9 am until 1 p Monday thru Friday or our mailing address is 602 E. Wayne, FW 46802.

dollars pledged by FCC walkers - \$370.

Be sure and mark your calendars now for CROPWalk 2001 - Sunday, October 14 - 3:00 pm at IPFW Campas

Sincerely,
Deb Morse,
CROPWalk Recruiter
for
Associated Churches of
Fort Wayne and Allen County







### Children's Conference Planned

Many thanks to Teresa Hatten, who has worked tirelessly with our General Church leaders to develop a Children's Conference for January 5-7 at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The conference will cover the three essential ministries of children's ministries; those to children, those with children; and those for children.

Some of the topics covered will include, "Growing up with Violence."

"Children and Communion," "The Child Friendly Church" & "Faith Formation in Children." There are many more topics too! Among the leaders of the conference is our very own Dr. Richard Hamm (Honored Minister of First Christian), Dr. Claudia Ann Highbaugh (Chaplain at Harvard Divinity School), Anna Rhee (Director of Religious Affairs at the Children's Defense Fund, David Edwards (Disciple Pastor), Saundra Bryant (Executive Director of All People's Christian Center) and Karen-Marie Yust (Assistant Professor of Christian Education at CTS).

To register log on to www.childrenwelcome.org

Thanks Teresa for your hard work!!!!

Teresa also helps lead Children Worship and Wonder at First Christian each Sunday. This is a learning and worshiping experience for younger children, leading them into the presence of God through interactive stories and wonder.

To learn more about those experiences, classes are offered throughout the Region.

og on to the Regional Church news at www.indianadisciples.org

#### SERVING, October 22

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

John Ohneck, George Bruckman

10:45 am

Marlo Quick, Becca Widmer

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Deloers Keebortz, Roger Moll

Joan Ott, Paul Yentes

10:45 am

Judy Church, Christi Deck, Linda Deck, Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Estel Vandergriff COMMUNION PREPARATION

Linda Deck, Christi Deck CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Laura Whitworth
COFFEE HOUR

SERVING, October 29

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse

10:45 am

Linda Stover, Larry Brey

DIACONATE

<u>8:15 am</u>

Betty Grimm, Mary Novachcoff,

Steve Yanner, Evelyn Yeoman

10:45 am

Sue Allen, Sue Brey, Sue Brickley,

Holly Mathis, Ray Stover,

Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Wayne & Laura Whitworth

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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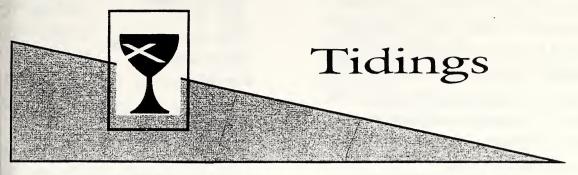
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Volume 57, Number 20 At the Feeder Again. . .

e regional feeder was very busy ently. There was lots of action tween the various species, with sy chattering and warning signals ng shouted from perch to ch....but all settled down due to of the birds singing a sweet song peace. Oh how I wished the world uld operate as the church. Peace, Il peace!

gional Assembly news & update: neral sense: The assembly icticed true patience and honest iring without being divisive! It s, in my opinion, a very healthy embly. The issue of ordaining gay lesbian persons to the ministry split many other denominations. was refreshing to hear people cuss the issue without being gusting.

Fort Wayne Indiana 46807

Resolution 2001 - Passed, affirming the continuation of a discernment process related to the ordination of gay and lesbian pastors. The resolution underscores no change in current policy prohibiting them from ordination

Resolution 2002 - Removed from consideration This resolution would have encouraged a continuation of the restrictive policy for ordination against persons who are gay and lesbian, and affirmed only two lifestyles (1) celibacy (2) traditional marriage between men and women. The motion to remove came at the request to dialogue over the issue without dividing the house. Many consider the removal of 2002 very helpful to the process of listening to each other while attempting to discern God's will on the subject.

Continued ...

Resolution 2003 - Passed, mandating policy changes to be brought to the Assembly, rather than the Regional Board to ensure congregational input from all representative bodies. (The results of this resolution may tie the hands of the Regional Board to act on critical issues. Interpretation of the resolution is critical.

As I say, the chatter at the feeder was threatening, until a voice of peace settled us to listen.

I believe I heard the voice of God.

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

And Jesus said, "Peace! Be still!"

And the wind ceased, and there
was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)



# **VISITORS**

Cindy Martin
Ashley Renner
Marcella Patrick
Doc & Jane Wagoner
(Columbia City) with
Amy and Mandy



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN VERY SOON !!!

Congratulations !!!



To Christi Deck and Al Foster, Big sister Jessica, Grandma Linda and Aunt Tammy on the birth of Matthew Allen on Saturday, October 21, 200. Matthew's birth weight was 7 pounds 13-1/2 oz. Everyone is doing fine and Matthew Allen is not being spoiled at anyone!!!

Welcome little one !!!

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or our Prayer nain.

ue to illness

nd some of our volunteers moving, dditional volunteers are needed or our Prayer Chain. You would be esponsible for making only one call ach time the Prayer Chain is erted..

ease contact Evelyn Yeoman at 39 - 2349 or see her on Sunday.



# Vhat's Happening Now

ovember 4 - 'moms on missions" 9 on - 4 pm. Contact Becca Widmer for information and reservations.

#### November 3 -

Assembly 2-5 pm (Registration 2) 2:30 pm) Marion, In. Refreshments served - <u>NO dinner</u>. Workshops:

- ~ "The Brush Stroke of Love"
- ~ "Help! This is more than I can Handle" What is Assisted

Living All About"

- ~ "Fund-Raising 101 Flinn and Beyond"
  - ~ "Try It, Mikey Likes It!"
  - ~ "Caring at Home"
  - ~ "SHIIP"

Please contact FCC office for additional information regarding Area Assembly and Workshops Registrations.

(Suggested that items listed below be taken to Area Assembly)

Hair Brushes / Combs

Toothbrushes / Paste

Talcum? Baby Powder

Candy Canes

Mouthwash

Kleenex (Both pocket and larger sizes)

Shampoo / Cream Rinse

Emery Boards

Cotton Balls

Greeting Cards (Especially Birthday)

**Wrapped Candies** 

(Some Sugar Free)

2001 Calendars (Large Print)

Hand / Body Lotion

Safety Razors

Shaving Cream

Soft-grip Pens

Stationary

Men's White Tube Socks

Ladies Hose (Knee-Hi and Thigh-Hi)

November 7 - Election Day

November 7 - Christian Education

MT 9 am

November 7 - Elders 7 pm



### SPECIAL NOTE'S:

November 12 - "Giving Out of Love" - Last of the Stewardship Meeting series - 4 pm at FCC.

November 12 - "Inheritance
Planning" Seminar - 6 pm. dinners
will be served - Reservations
Required for dinner. Deadline for
dinner reservations November 5.
Please contact church office.

November 12 - CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) - 7 pm

November 13 - P.R.M.T. Meeting - 7 pm

November 13 - Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm

November 13 - Board of Trustees 7:30 pm

November 15 - T.W.W. (Third Wednesday Worship) 6-7:30 pm

Looking Ahead



November 19

- Harvest Dinner following second worship service - the meat for dinner will be furnished. Bring carry-in dishes for sharing.

| A - G | Vegetable |
|-------|-----------|
| H - M | Dessert   |
| N-Z   | Salad     |

November 19 - ALL YOUTH and CHILDREN - following Harvest Dinner - going Bowling or Skating. Bring \$4.00. Don't miss out on this fun event.

ovember 20 - WTB (Walk to ethlehem) Meeting - 7 pm

ovember 21 - Stewardship MT pm

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ovember 26 - Advent Afternoon

4 pm

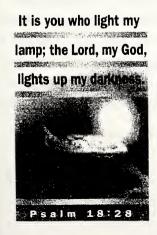
ovember 26 - "Christ the King unday"

ovember 28 - Property MT pm

ovember 28 - Fellowship MT pm

ovember 28 - Evangelism MT -Jom

vember 28 - Worship MT - 7 pm



# SPECIAL INFORMATION

Town Meeting - Thursday,
November 7 at 7 pm at Don Halls
Guest Hours, 1313 Washington
Center Road. Hear from city
leaders about obscenity and strip
bars in our community. special
guests invited to speak will be
Mayor Graham Richards, Police
Chief Rusty York, Prosecutor bob
Gevers, and City council President
Don Schmidt.

Other matters pertaining to this problem will also be discussed.

Plan now to attend this very important meeting.

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED THIS IS A FREE MEETING

"We know the harm, We know the cause, and we know the effect.

We Continue To Say:

NOT IN OUR TOWN!!"

This Sunday

A WOLL ADOUT WOLSTIP

This week, we worship with our children on Sunday morning. November 5th is Children's Sabbath, a time to recognize our ministries with children, for children, and to children. While most childrenattend our second service, we know that all of us are a part of our children's ministries in some way, so in our first service we will also pray for, sing about, and praise God's gift of children. During our second service, children and youth will be participating in many ways. We will hear their voices lifted in song, listen to them reading scripture and see them ushering and receiving the offering. They will ask us to renew our promises to them as we affirm our Children's Charter. Our children will be among us with bells on! Come and celebrate with us.

The other themes for this month are Evangelism Sunday on November 12<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Dinner and Stewardship on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and Christ the King Sunday on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking

pray, and receive God's word. Bring your friends and all the children you can find!

# Have You Noticed?

We begin every worship time with praise to God. There's a reason for that! In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, we read about the human response to God's presence:

- First we adore God: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory."
- Then we become aware of our shortcomings and confess our sins: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
- Confession is followed by absolution: "Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Have You... continued

# Prayer Concerns

The family of Betty Lanning. Betty, Sue Brickley's sister, died on Friday, October 27 after a long battle with cancer.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804 Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care Harold Cline

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FOR THE NAMES and ADDRESSES

OF YOUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES THAT

YOU WISH TO

INVITE TO "WALK TO BETHLEHEM"

PLEASE COMPLETE
THIS FORM AND
RETURN IT TO THE FCC
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

THESE INVITATIONS WILL BE
MAILED ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AND
WILL BE SIGNED PER
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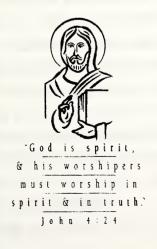
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the midst of family chaos, uality time" is rare, your best; let God do the rest -AP - Always Say A Prayer

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Where to look in the Bible

If you:

Bear a Grudge - Luke 6; II Cor. 4; Eph. 4

Have experienced severe losses Col. 1; I Peter 1

Have been disobedient -Isa 6; Mark 12; Luke 5

Need forgiveness - Matt. 23; Luke 15;

Are sick or in pain - Ps. 6, 39, 41, 67; Isa. 26

Are challenged by opposing forces - Eph. 6; Phil 4

Are facing a crisis -Job 28:12-28, Prov. 8, Isa 55

Are jealous - Ps. 49; James 3

Are impatient - Ps. 40, 90; Heb. 12 Have you continued . . .

Instruction from God
(reading the Scriptures) and
a call to God's service follow:
"Then I heard the voice of
the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send, and who will go
for us?"

Isaiah's "yes" response to God is celebrated in a divine commissioning: "Here I am; send me! And God said, "Go and say..."

This is the order we follow in worship. Sometimes it's hard to find, because we don't always put headings in the worship bulletin, but if you follow carefully, you'll find all these sections as we worship.







# DOUBLE BARRELED COFFEE HOURS

Invitations are wonderful things. They tell us we are wanted. Sometimes people do not know that unless somebody tells them. So invite people to stay for the coffee hours. That is when we get to know each other.

And do not just sit at a table with your friends and eat cookies. First look around to see who you do not know. Talk to them and introduce them to your friends. Then sit down together and enjoy!

Coffee hours are doubletarreled for the big bang-first for neeting the new people and second for catching up on what is new with your friends.

Continued . . .

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hese letters will be mailed by Jovember 16. Deadline for turning 1 your list to the church office is Jovember 10, 2000.

he sign-up poster is in Fellowship

in what way you want to participate. Do you want to try something different? There will be some additional characters this year so we need everyone!!

A television program of Walk to Bethlehem was taped on Channel 57 last Saturday morning. Watch for viewing times in the Tidings or the News Sentinel TV guide. Eric Mory was Producer / Director.

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## F.Y.I.

Effective January 1, 2001 the price for altar flowers will increase to \$25. (The price increased in June when we changed florists.) A sign-up sheet for 2001 will be available on November 26 or you can contact the church office to request a specific date.



A.S.A.P.

Did you ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P?? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those Continued...

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Sharon Eme<br>Coleen Wilconson                | 20                  | Ressie Ehresman                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dennis Hendrickson                            | 22                  | Brandon Proegler                   |
| Zachary Grier                                 | 23                  | Kerry Grabowski                    |
| Ruth Stone                                    | 24                  | Nellie Buchanan                    |
| John Phillips<br>Michelle Stam                | 25                  | Marlene Crouse<br>Joan Ott         |
| Trevor Collins<br>Naomi Prechtl               | 27                  | Kristian Scott                     |
| Brent Jackson                                 | 28                  | Danielle Favory<br>Mary Sue Ludwig |
| Clayton Sheets                                | 29                  | Brent Alexander<br>Barbara Bond    |
| Marilyn McDougle                              |                     |                                    |
| Jewel Byrket<br>James Hudlow<br>John Proegler |                     | }                                  |
|                                               | MAN                 | IY HAPPY RETURNS TO                |
| Erin Favory                                   | EACH OF YOU ON YOUR |                                    |
| Randy Hendrickson Pastor Bill Riggs           | VERY                | / SPECIAL DAY !!!                  |

Jenica Wilson

### SERVING, November 5

**ELDERS** 

8:15 AM

Bill Franklin, Barb Hayes

10:45 am

Charlie Hatten, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Delores Keebortz, Roger Moll

Joan Ott, Paul Yentes

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Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, David Brooks,

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Ray Stover, Steve Yanner

10:45 am

Judy Church, Christi Deck, Linda Deck,

Bill Kerley, Sue Kerley, Estel Vangergriff,

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Judy Church, Sally Rudy

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Neil Allen

COFFEE HOUR

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Becca Widmer, Sue Brickley,

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# At the Feeder Again. . .

What if I told you that I could give you a pill that would reduce your current weight and also reduce a portion of the fat you would have stored in the future? Would you like such a pill? Yeah, me too! Sorry, as far as I know, no such pill exists. However, we recently received some gifts that worked a similar miracle.

I'm talking about our building debt. recently, some kind members and friends donated monies toward the principle we owe (Current loan outstanding \$120,000). Those gifts immediately lowered total debt and will reduce the amount of interest we will pay. That's like not having your cake and eating it.....I think?!

"The total", as of this writing,

donated to principle only debt payment, says Merle, is over \$1,600.00. That gets a WOW from me...and a big, big, thank you too!!!

I'm dreaming of the day we can burn that debt note and celebrate in church! Just the thought of it makes me jump for joy!

Spreading a few extra seeds and.....

Feeding on the love of Christ, Neil





# Walk to Bethlehem DO YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL FEET?

Romans 10: 15 (RVS) "And how can men preach unless they are sent?" As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news?" Are you preaching or rather are you sharing your faith in Jesus Christ? Let's put it another way. Are you inviting people to worship at First Christian Church; then inviting them to Walk to Bethlehem? Verse 14 asks. "But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?

Of course, you probably do not

consider yourself a preacher nor do you want to be a preacher but all of us can be inviters, sharers of the Good News, and therefore, have BEAUTIFUL FEET. And we need feet to "Walk to Bethlehem." We need feet to put up posters, feet to be in one of the outdoor scenes. feet to help set-up the marketplace, to be tour guides, to donate dried weeds for the marketplace, to donate special breads, dried fruits, nuts, crockery, baskets, brass items, and many other things. Please have each item clearly marked so that it may be returned to you after Walk to Bethlehem. Please have loan items to FCC by December 3. Now is the time to put your feet on the Walk to Bethlehem. We are indeed being sent to those who have never heard so that they can believe.

See you next Sunday at the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall!!



# ATIVITY SETS NEEDED ROUR DISPLAY DURING /ALK TO BETHLEHEM. PLEASE BRING YOUR IATIVITIES TO FCC ON IONDAY and TUESDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>TH</sup>. ur nativity sets that you loan o FCC for display will be ailable for you to take home on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following second worship

f you have any questions, ase contact church office at 744-3239.

service.

# autiful Memorial

A new picture was added to Parlor at FCC honoring Wilburok. A beautiful Greg Olsen ting now adorns the west wall, thing the defused northern ning light. The art is exquisite. In has captured, in his work s, physical wonders and beauties nature that bear the signature of the Creator and remind us of His ring love."

# Your Help Is Needed . . . for our Prayer Chain.

Due to illness and some of our volunteers moving, additional volunteers are needed for our Prayer Chain. You would be responsible for making only one call each time the Prayer Chain is activated.

Please contact Evelyn Yeoman at 489 - 2349 or see her on Sunday.

# A Conversation. . .



"Marlo, did you get some of Rosie's nuts yet?"

"Yes and I can't wait to bake some of my favorite recipes!"

"I heard Barbara say she loves to bake and bought several pounds."

"Wouldn't it be fun to have a whole cookbook of recipes using nuts?"

"Yeah, and we could give it a 'nutty' name."

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"Nutty" continued . .

"Let's DO it!! We could have a contest for the name and have a 'taste off' during Fellowship".

That is kinda the way that this conversation started.

Want to submit a recipe?

We will be collecting recipes for the next few months, so while you are baking up a storm this Christmas, copy those recipes and leave them at the FCC office.

We will put the cookbook together next summer and have it ready for next fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Krull, Anne Moll, Barbara Rathbun or Marlo Quick.



What's Happening Now November 19 - Please bring canned or dried goods on this date to fill the Cornucopia. These items will be used to help those less fortunate than we are for the Holidays. Some items that are needed are:

Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter
Pasta Products
Rice Products
Dried Beans
Cereals

November 19 - Harvest Dinner following second worship service - the <u>meat for dinner will be</u> <u>furnished</u>. Please use the following list for carry-in dishes to bring for sharing.

| A - G | Vegetable |
|-------|-----------|
| H - M | Dessert   |
| N - Z | Salad     |

November 19 - Rosie has walnuts and pecans for sale. See her in Fellowship Hall after both worship services. Pecans - \$5.25 per pound Walnuts - \$5.00

November 19 - ALL YOUTH and CHILDREN - following Harvest Dinner - Going Skating. Bring \$4.00. Don't miss out on this fun event.





vember 20 - WTB (Walk to thlehem) Meeting - 7 pm

vember 21 – Stewardship MT – m

vember 21 - Finance MT - 7 pm

vember 23 – Thanksgiving Day! thankful for all of your blessings

vember 24 - FCC Office Closed.

oking Ahead

vember 26 - Advent Afternoon 2pm. Preparing our children for lvent.

ovember 26 – "Christ the King Inday"

ovember 28 - Property MT -30 pm. November 28 - Fellowship MT - 7 pm

November 28 - Evangelism MT - 7 pm

November 28 - Worship MT - 7 pm

December 3 - "Hanging of the Greens" during second service. Theme: "Hope"

December 1,2 & 3 - Christ's Church at Georgetown - 3131 Maplecrest Road - Presents "One Bethlehem Night" - for information and free tickets, please call 485-1611.

December 3 - Bring a Friend Sunday for Share a Friend Fellowship.



December 3 - Walk to Bethlehem dress rehearsal - you will be notified of the time that you should be at FCC.

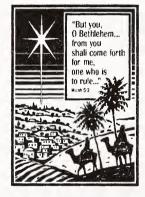
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December 3 - Spaghetti Dinner prepared by Casa D'Angleo for the annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters fundraiser. Come and support this "all-you-can-eat dinner.

December 4 - Walk to Bethlehem set-up out side begins and continues all week.

December 5 - D.M.A. Christmas Party and gift exchange.

December 5 - Elders Meeting - 7 pm



December 8 & 9

Walk to Bethlehem with miniature nativity display - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Additional hours for miniature nativity display both days 2 to 4 pm

December 10 - Advent Theme - "Peace"

December 17 - Advent Theme - "Joy"

December 20 - Third Wednesday Worship (T.W.W.) 6 - 7:30 pm

December 24 - Advent Theme - "Love" - 8:15 and 10:45 am with Church School at 9:30 am

December 24 - Infant and Child Dedication during second worship service.

December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Worship - 7 pm



December 24 -Candlelite and Communion Service - 11 pm

December 26 - Property Ministry Team - 6:30 pm.

December 31 - A healthy and happy 20(1 to each and every one !!!

# Prayer Concern

The family of Helen Shockney, who died last weekend. James Shockney, Helen's husband, was a Timothy here at FCC and a Pastor at the Christian Church (DOC) in Atlanta, IL, Helen's services were Tuesday, November 7 in Atlanta, IL.

The family of Maxine L. Peterson. Maxine, mother of Myrtle DeVinney, died on Friday, November 3. She was 92 years old.

The family of Bill LaRue, who died on Wednesday, November 8. Mr. LaRue is a cousin of Dick Vanderwall, and lived in Washington DC.

Jerome Allen - Brother of Pastor Allen. Hospitalized with heart problems.

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Herb Banet - Covington Manor - Room 119 - 5700 Wilkie Drive FW 46804

Kathlyn Banet - Nursing Care

Harold Cline Ressie Ehresman

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Reba Fusselman

C. Ellen Graham - Mother of Linda Stover

. Ellen Granam - Mother of Linda Stove

Janette Grier - Emphysema

Leotha Jones

Jackie Keller - At Home

Mary King - Is being treated for Pulmonary Fibrosis, which causes difficult breathing.

Charles & Jean McGrew - Emphysema

Lola Miller - Nursing Care

Wilma Miller - Eastlake Terrace - 3109 E. Bristol St - Apt 328 Elkhart IN 46514

Rena Pilz - Ovarian cancer

Emma Phillips - Healing

Josh Richardson

Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel

Lila Russell

food.

Bruce Stone

Paign Vandergriff - Home from hospital and eating "Mommy food"instead of hospital

Edna Vaught - She has an aneurism near her heart. Edna is 106!!

Brittany York - Granddaughter of Tom & Laura - 6 yrs. old - Leukemia

November 6 for those

Receiving a government disability check

OR

60 years old or older

OR

Whose utilities are disconnected

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OR

Whose utilities will be disconnected within 48 hours.

The program begins November 20, for all other households.

CAN will see the first 75 people daily on a first-come, first-served basis in November at the main office, 2260 Lake Avenue.

Beginning December 1, appointment will be taken the first three working days of each month for that month. appointments will be accepted at the lake Avenue office and at CAN's south office, 201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Suite 109. Walk-ins also will be accepted at the Lake Avenue office ONLY on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in December. the Lake Avenue office telephone number is 423-3546 or (800) 589-2264.

The Rudisill office telephone number is 744-2500.

You must bring proof of annual gross income for everyone in the household older than age 18, copies of current heating and electric bills, and social Security numbers for everyone in the household. People without income must bring a notarized statement saying where they live and what they live on.

Maximum monthly income allowed:

One person household - \$1,044

Two person household - \$1,406

Three person household - \$1,769

Four person household - \$2,131





A Word about Worship

ecember 24, at our 10:45 nip, parents will present ts and children for dedication ourpose of dedication is to fully welcome babies and children into the life of the h. As a church community, it joyful responsibility to re and care for children as grow in faith. Dedication is ccasion for parents and unity to make a covenant of nsibility on behalf of the en presented. It is our prayer ater in their lives, they will ss Christ and be baptized.

rvice of dedication is a ration, joyful and full of ks. If you would like your baby ild dedicated on December 24, e speak to Pastor Allen.





If you would like to be a part
of
Couples Retreat 2001
contact
Pastor Neil Allen soon.
Plans are in the works!!



OUTREACH SURVEY COMING SOON!!!

Thanks in advance for your help.

# Thank You

Dear Friends

Bette had instant fondness for all she met at the church. She was so looking forward to attending regularly. With all your compassion and prayers, I know she felt she accomplished her goal.

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Our heartfelt thanks as well as Bette's to Pastor Neil for his many visits, and to all of you for your prayers, cards and concern.

The Bette Lanning Family Love, Sue

# Thank you Worship Ministry Team

"Disciples Care for Children" (A General Church Promotion) Banners are awesome.

#### Symbolism:

Children at play catching stars - playing, reaching for the future, learning - copied from the Logo for Children's conference - January 5-7 at CTS (FCC is sponsoring agency for the conference!)

Triangle shaped banner:
Each of the points of the triangle represent the ministry TO children, the Ministry we do FOR children and the ministry OF children. The flame atop the triangle represents hope, keeping the message alive (Like a city set on a hill).

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Thanks to: Sue and Larry Brey
Sara Brey
Neil and Nora Allen

# Welcome!

Dick and Erma Vanderwall.

It's good to have you home!

## Letter to FCC...

To the Board and members of FCC

After much consideration and prayer, I have decided to request an unpaid leave of absence from my position as Minister of Music.

At this time, I cannot give to the job what it requires. I have two concerns now, taking care of Rena and giving my teaching job 100%, so that I still have an income that will support the two of

us if the need should arise.

A am also in need of just being a worshiping member of this congregation. I need to focus my attention on my faith and prayer whe I am in this place, not organizing and leading.

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nnot predict when my situation be different; therefore, I cannot a specific end date of the unpaid e. I also then, cannot guarantee I wouldn't have to resign at some t in the future if my umstances would worsen.

ofeel that you should consider the on of accepting my resignation. It what is best for this gregation. I am not sure that mying an indefinite leave is the best ice for the church in terms of with and continuity. Please believe I would rather resign now, than ate un uncomfortable situation in future. Either choice is one that

Harmony, Janice Wagner

en response to Janice...

ar Janice.

ill accept.

rite this letter with the full ention of letting everyone know tour church has sent regrets to

you concerning your recent request for an extended leave. It is with sadness our partnership in the music ministry is laid aside for other concerns. We are all in prayer for you and for Rena. God's blessings.

These are our prayers: Rest, Serve, Enjoy each other, and find God's peace. May the time ahead be filled with enough goodness and blessing to allow your friendship the space for deep sharing.

Awaiting better news and trusting God's promise, Pastor Neil W. Allen



#### Did You Know ????

There have been some changes made on the D.M.A. schedule. Please read following schedule carefully.

Always lots of fun and great fellowship!!!

<u>December 5 -</u> Carry-in at FCC with Christmas Exchange

<u>January 2</u> - Carry-in at FCC with speaker Rev. Patricia Mullen

<u>February 6</u> - Carry-in with Valentine Party.

<u>March 6</u> - Visit to the Conservatory

<u>April 3</u> - Carry-in with guest speaker.

May 8 - Box Lunch and tour of Railroad Station





#### F.Y.I.

Effective January 1, 2001 the price for altar flowers will increase to \$25. (The price increased in June when we changed florists.) A dedication sheet will be available on November 26<sup>th</sup> during both worship services. Or you may contact FCC office to request a specific date.

#### Global Ministries

We Rejoice That We Have Settled into our Home in Beautiful South Africa

Global Ministries missionaries Scott Couper and Susan Valiquette serve with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA) Page 10 oal Ministries continued

Inanda Seminary, Durban, south ica.

Scott works with Groutville gregational Church and its nine stations, he is finding that trust wilt by "counseling, burying, tizing, and visiting the sick with grity and love." Susan is learning the most marginalized in Africa ing, black women) need the atest amount of investment if they to reach their God-given ential.

tt writes, "Susan is settling in well at the Inanda boarding pol. After years of administrative, ncial, and spiritual neglect the pol is 'rising like a Phoenix." Susan riving to re-introduce and remit the UCCSA to be responsible the school again. She has invited SA clergy to conduct worship and one of the two Sunday worship vices. It is crucial that the polity of Inanda Seminary be cored and that clergy of the SA see the progress that Inanda linary is making with its students.

"Susan's presence as chaplain has improved the school's spiritual life, and her personality and love for the girls also influences the students' personal, social, physical, and psychological lives. she has focused energy into recruiting human resources to speak about various health issues, especially issue relating to human sexuality. For many girls, Susan and those who come to speak are the only means of obtaining reliable information about their bodies"

Don't freeze this winter! Sign up for Energy Assistance.

Application for the energy Assistance
Program (EA.) offered
by community Action of NE Indiana
(CAN) will be taken on a first come, first-served, walk-in basis beginning

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#### SERVING, November 19

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse

10:45 am

Linda Stover, Larry Brey

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Delores Keebortz, Roger Moll,

Joan Ott, Paul Yentes

10:45 am

Sue Allen, Sue Brey, Sue Brickley, Stephanie Manter, Holly Mathis,

Ray Stover, Wayne Whitworth,

Laura Whitworth

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Stephanie Manter, Ruth Yentes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kris Ohneck

COFFEE HOUR

Harvest Dinner

#### SERVING, November 26

#### **ELDERS**

8:15 AM

Bill Franklin, Barb Hayes

10:45 am

Dick Mey, Judy Mey

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Sue Brickley, Betty Grimm,

Mary Novachcoff, Steve Yanner

10:45 am

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, David Brooks,

Carolyn Falbe, Shari Grier,

Kenneth Place, Elinor Place,

Evelyn Yeoman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Judy Church, Sue Allen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Vandergriff

COFFEE HOUR

Jessie Fern Woodward, Mary Novachcoff

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## A Prayer for Walk to Bethlehem

special solutions for Walk to Bethlehem. We had a period of Thanksgiving and nen plunged into the busiest shopping season of the year. We are almost ade to feel as though the economy of our nation depends on how much money e spend on buying each other gifts. This may almost be as important as who ecomes the next President of the United States. It is a demanding time of ear in many ways. Will we be ready by December 8<sup>th</sup> to tell the Good News of esus' birth? Will there be enough people to help? Will the donkey, sheep and pats make it on time? Will there be enough bread in the marketplace? will be people come? Help us to turn our worse doubts and fears regarding all of fe over to you, wonderful counselor, Emmanuel, Bread of Life and Risen Lord.

aying your name is our prayer.



#### SCHEDULE FOR WALK TO BETHLEHEM

| Saturday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | December 2  | Set-up outside - 9:00 - 12 noon                 |  |
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| Sunday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | December 3  | Dress Rehearsal                                 |  |
| Monday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | December 4  | Begin set-up of marketplace                     |  |
| Friday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | December 8  | WANE TV remote broadcast at                     |  |
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| with the second |             | Afternoon display of miniature nativities -     |  |
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| Saturday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | December 9  | Afternoon display of miniature                  |  |
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| Sunday,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | December 10 | Pizza and clean-up after second worship service |  |
| January,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2001        | Evaluation                                      |  |
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#### REHEARSAL WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

| REHEARSAL             | Meet In    | COSTUMES (Parlor) |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 2:00 pm - Scene 1     | Chapel     | Scene 5           |
| Scene 2               | Library    |                   |
| 2:30 pm - Scene 3     | Sanctuary  | Scene 1           |
| Scene 5               | Youth Room | Scene 2           |
| 3:00 pm - Tour Guides | Library    | Scene 3           |
| Roman Soldier         | Library    |                   |
|                       |            | Continued         |

REHEARSAL

Marketplace

Roman Soldier

3:30 PM

Meet In

Fellowship Hall

Scene 5

Tour Guides Soldier Marketplace Soldier

#### At the Feeder Again. . .

The onslaught lasted for 72 frantic hours. Temperatures dropped to subzero. Windows frosted over. Snow piled up over 2 feet....and the wind....the howling, whistling, foreboding wind,.... ripped through anything not built for these extremes. Bare flesh stung. Roads clogged shut. People turned off their snow-blowers and headed for cover. Snow plows parked in sheltered coves. Children were kept in doors for fear of their lives. Only the hardest, the rough and ready, the conditioned, and the idiot, braved these elements.

The population at the feeder rose from 4 to 4000.....And, they stayed....frozen to the perches.

See, I knew I could get you thinking about preparation.....I just knew it! Nothing like a good old fashion snow storm scare to send the Florida birds packing! This article will probably be responsible for jammed south bound lanes, empty grocery store shelves, and a run on snow shovels and salt at the local hardware (by the way, Umbers Ace is my place and Steve Yanner is my helpful man!)

Preparation. That's all you really ever needed to know about Advent. No, it's not about Christmas, it's about preparation to receive Christ-MASS!

Advent is about making room and deepened spirituality. No, it's not about Continued

At the Feeder Again continued . . .

17 shopping days, or blue light specials! Advent was designed to be a minilent (a time of penitence and sacrifice; a time of prayer and devotion to God).

Let's be honest, most of us will put more work into stocking our shelves and shelving our stockings than in prayer or thought of God's promise to come again. We'll spend more time wrapping presents and shopping than focusing on the wonder of God's magnificent love, and what it means to our neighbors and ourselves.

I'm convinced that if we spent more time filling and eating at the feeder this advent, blue lights would give way to purple (the color of advent-come receive its message) and preparation to receive the light from above.

I'll be in prayer that you find this season a sensation beyond the advertiser magic spells; beyond the 75% off lure, and Christmas Club membership bonus plans. I pray you make your hearts ready and that you are....

Feeding on the Love of Christ, Neil

"Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!"

#### VISITORS IN NOVEMBER

Jason Craner and Dani Angela Daniels (Fremont IN) Ryan and Amanda Wallace Danny and Carol Roark (MO) Zack Douglas Sara E Pellot & Family Clement & Flora Myers



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN VERY SOON!!!



## What's Happening Now

Nuts! Nuts! We have nuts for sale.

See Rosie after both worship services on Sunday, or contact church office.

Rosie has walnuts and pecans for sale. See her in Fellowship Hall after both worship services.

Pecans - \$5.25 per pound Walnuts - \$5.00



### Looking Ahead

December 2 - 7:30 pm - Holiday
Harmony Showcase at Wayne
High School Auditorium, 9100
Winchester Road, featuring Fort
Wayne's Summit City Chorus plus
many, many more guests. Tickets
are \$10; special rates to groups
of 10 or more; Senior Citizens
\$8. For information call 447 4989 or
747 - 7521.

December 3 - "Hanging of the Greens" during second service. Theme: "Hope"

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December 3 - Bring a Friend Sunday for Share a Friend Fellowship (9:30 am; 9:45 am & following second worship service). December 3 - Walk to Bethlehem dress rehearsal - Letters were mailed Monday, November 27 advising you of your part and time for rehearsal.

December 3 - Spaghetti Dinner prepared by Casa D'Angleo for the annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters fundraiser. Come and support this "all-you-can-eat dinner.

December 4 - Walk to Bethlehem set-up out side begins and continues all week.

December 5 - D.M.A. Christmas



Party and gift exchange.

December 5 - Elders Meeting - 7 pm

December 5 - 12 Holiday Open House - Christian church in Indiana, 1100 W. 42<sup>nd</sup>. Street -Indy. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm December 7 - Adult Choir Practice - 7 pm



Isaiah 9:6

December 8 & 9

Walk to Bethlehem with miniature nativity display 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Additional hours for miniature nativity display both days 2 to 4 pm



# DECEMBER 2000 BIRTHDAYS

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Miles Wilson Ethel Richhart Sue Kerley Brenda Proegler Jason Prechtl 10 Bill Franklin 11 Kenneth Spillers, Sr. 12 Sara Davis 13 Dan Mory 16 Erin Brosey 17 Graham Baughman Bob Smith 19

Lindsay Medlin

December Birthdays continued . . .

20 Sara Brev 22 Mickieann Martz 23 Jacob Quinn 26 Elizabeth Dull Carolyn Falbe 27 Tara Grier 28 John Mathis 29 Lucille Branstrator 31 Todd McBride

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Josh Richardson

Tony, Barb & Justin Rumpel

Lila Russell

**Bruck Stone** 

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OUTREACH SURVEY COMING SOON!!!

Thanks in advance for your help.



A Word about Worship
Thank You

WHAT A BLESSING! Dear Friends in Christ,

On Friday of last week, I registered for the Spring semester of classes at Christian Theological Seminary. When I went into the Business Office to give Jeff the yellow copy of the class schedule, he said, "Did you know you received a scholarship last week?"

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"No," I said, knowing I had not requested one from my home church or from the Northeast Association of the UCC.

"Well," Jeff said, "you've 30t \$4,000 from a First Christian Church in Fort Wayne. Do you know anybody there?"

I was speechless. "It must be a mistake," I finally got out. 'I've serving First Christian, but this wasn't part of the arrangement. Maybe it's a nistake. It probably was

supposed to go to one of the Scholarship Funds."

Jeff checked the letter that accompanied the check. "No, it has your name on it."

What a magnificent gift you have given me. You have covered my expenses for my senior year, including housing, books, transportation expenses, meals, and some books for my pastoral bookshelf.

As I purchase books with your gift, I will let you know what you have given me. The first ones are:

<u>Living Well:</u>
<u>Scriptural Reflections for Every</u>
<u>Day</u>, Joan Chittister

Preaching Luke-Acts, Ron And Listening to Your Life,
Frederick Buechner

2000 Years of Prayer,
Michael Counsell, ed.

Prayers for the Common Good, A. Jean Lesher, ed.

Your friendship, love, and gracious generosity are blessings to me. You are an important part of my life and ministry. May God's blessings continue to work through you and be with you always.

In Christ's love and service, Barbara

Letters to FCC...

Keeping you up dated on our Outreach Ministries (Excerpts from letters received)

Dear Partners
We want to thank you for the gift of \$500.00. The support of FCC is very important to us and we value your partnership in this ministry.

Dick Sievers, Chaplain, Allen County Jail Ministries Dear FCC
On behalf of the entire CTS
community, it is my pleasure to
extend greetings and thanks!!
We have received your
contribution of \$4,000.00 for
the CTS General Scholarship

Austin W. Greene, Vice President for Seminary Advancement

Fund.

Dear Friends
On behalf of the staff and residents of NBA Emily E. Flinn community, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you for the various items you donated for our Twelve Days of Christmas Campaign. We want to thank you all for your support, it means so much to us.

Dear FCC Members
WOW! You made my day and
brought great joy to me and the
Region as I opened the mail and
found your most generous and
wonderful gift. Thank you for
your continued and substantial
support of our wider church
ministries. Your gift for the new
activities building at Barbee is

most timely and fitting, and will help anchor our plans for constructing the activities building.

C. Edward Weisheimer Regional Minister

#### Its not too late...

.... to invite someone for Sunday!

Please remember the coffee hour in the parlor following each service. We have a gift for your quest.

<u>Please</u>, everyone welcome the guests others have brought. Also be sure your guest has left name and address in pew book.



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8:15 AM

John Ohneck, George Bruckman

10:45 am

Becca Widmer, Jean McGrew

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-10:45 am

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Estel Vandergriff

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Becca Widmer

COFFEE HOUR

Evangelism Ministry Team

## ELDERS

8:15 AM

Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse

SERVING. December 10

10:45 am

Larry Brey, Marlo Quick

DIACONATE

<u>8:15 am</u>

Betty Grimm, Carloyn Falbe,

Mary Novachcoff, Steve Yanner

10:45 am

Sue Allen, Sue Brey, Sue Brickley,

Stephanie Manter, Sally Rudy,

Wayne Whitworth, Holly Mathis,

Laura Whitworth

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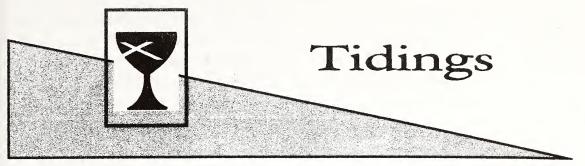
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Thank you to the Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired - Chris Lloyd, Kay Smith, Anna Merriman, Mary Shifley, Bobbie Wilson.

For our special friends that took time from their busy work places

to loan their beautiful display nativities to FCC - Sauder's, Neuhauser Nürsery, Friends of the Third World and Kreider's. Plus our friends and loved ones from FCC who graciously loaned their nativities for our gift to the community, where 489 friends and family attended.

A very special thanks to Lois Finkhousen for her time and talent in making the nativity from corn husks. It is beautiful!!! And also to Delores Keebortz for decorating the parlor for the holidays. It looks wonderful.

We thank you - each and every one. We have tried very hard to remember every one that generously gave of their time, loaned items and helped in any way.

Please accept our apology if we missed your name and our thanks. Walk to Bethlehem could not be a gift to the community without each and every one of you.

#### December 3 and 10

Elya Smith

Maxine Baxter

Bob & Nina Rodocker

Sally Ellison

Jeff & Lori Petro

Danny & Lynn York

Talmadge & Pat Barnes

Ernie Nokes

Joe Haloburda

Marian Waltz

Jim Goetsch & Melody

Nicole Meyers

Mike & Marianne Ferguson

with Brad & Natalie

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN VERY SOON III



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# Special Request

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FCC is in need of hangers for our coat racks. If you have one or two extra hangers, please bring the with you on Sunday.

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ris Snook - Cataract surgery December 6. Doing great.

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